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SUSTAINED ATTACKS ON THE BERLIN AREA

Heavy Bombers Over Nazi Capital For Four Hours Ammunition Train Goes Up At Mannheim

NO INITIATIVE BY ROOSEVELT ON JOHNSON ACT

At his press conference yesterday President Roosevelt said he expected to make no recommendation for relaxation of the Johnson Act, which prohibits loans to governments which have defaulted on debts to the United States. — Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVANCE IN INDO-CHINA

The Japanese forces in northern Indo-China have reached Caopang, terminus of the new loop road through the mountains into Indo-China which the Chinese made last November after the Japanese had cut the main road by the capture of Nanning, in south-east China, it was stated in Chungking yesterday.

The Chinese forces in south-west Kwangsi are said to be preparing to meet a possible Japanese advance from the French colony into Kwangsi along the new highway.

The Chinese are intensifying the agitation for Britain to reopen the Burma road. For the fourth day in succession all Chinese newspapers in Chungking yesterday printed leading articles urging the reopening of the road. — Reuter.

SIR ROBERT HADFIELD PASSES

Sir Robert Hadfield, the world-famous metallurgist who invented manganese steel in England yesterday. — Reuter.

STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. BOMBERS CARRIED OUT SUSTAINED ATTACKS IN THE BERLIN AREA AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT, AND OTHER FORCES OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT BOMBED A WIDE SERIES OF OBJECTIVES IN GERMANY AS WELL AS THE INVASION PORTS, WHICH RECEIVED THEIR USUAL NIGHTLY BLASTING.

Our planes attacked oil refineries at Leuna and Hanover, an aircraft factory at Rottenburg, a munitions factory near Magdeburg, goods yards and rail communications at Bremen, Ehrang, Osnabruck, Mannheim and Brussels, docks at Cuxhaven and Amsterdam, the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, and Le Havre and several enemy aerodromes.

In the course of these operations, an aircraft of the Bomber Command engaged and shot down an enemy aircraft into the sea. Aircraft of the Coastal Command operating with the Fleet Air Arm attacked docks and petrol stores at Rotterdam and Blandingen, shipping and stores at Ostend and set fire to an oil dump at Hamstede aerodrome. Five of our aircraft are missing.

Berlin Raids

Describing the sustained attacks the Air Ministry news service states that the west power station in Berlin, badly damaged in previous raids, was clearly identified by flares and a few minutes after the first stick of bombs had fallen there was a large explosion and numerous fires.

Killingberg power station was also heavily bombed, while railways were hit and a factory set on fire.

Heavy bombers remained over Berlin from 10.30 p.m. until past 2 a.m.

Other R.A.F. bombers operated over widely separated targets in Germany.

Munitions Train Or Dump

At the railway yards at Mannheim bomb bursts were followed by a violent explosion which developed into long lines of explosions so fierce and bright that the aircraft was lit up by them. The crew consider that either ammunition trains or a series of dumps had gone up.

Oil refineries at Hanover and Leuna (east of Leipzig) were also left ablaze.

Explosions at Leuna—which was severely damaged some weeks ago—followed the dropping of many incendiary bombs.

Fair And Square

Railway yards at Ehrang were struck fair and square by a stick of high explosives which

caused many explosions followed by a vivid yellow fire.

Another stick started smaller fires which merged together and culminated in further explosions.

Six smaller ones followed the dropping of bombs close to an aerodrome flare path.

The explosions continued for some time after the last of salvoes had fallen. — Reuter.

THAILAND SHOOTING ALLEGATION

ACCORDING TO A BANGKOK DESPATCH TO THE DOMEI AGENCY YESTERDAY THAILAND HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO AN INCIDENT NEAR VIEN-TIANE, ON THE INDO-CHINA BORDER LAST SUNDAY, WHEN A THAILAND MERCHANT IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD BY A FRENCH INDO-CHINA POLICEMAN FOR ALLEGEDLY CROSSING THE BORDER WITHOUT A PASSPORT.

The protest is said to demand the punishment of the policeman, compensation and an inquiry on the spot.

It is officially denied in Bangkok, adds Domei, that a Thailand plane crossed into Indo-China and attacked a police station. — Reuter.

POLISH SQUADRON PASSES 100

One of the Polish squadrons at present engaged in the Battle of Britain has so far shot down 100 German planes. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AIR SQUADRONS FOR SINGAPORE

Announcing that a number of Australian Air Force squadrons were going to Malaya, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, said in Melbourne yesterday the units would not add to the present strength of the station but would relieve R.A.F. units needed elsewhere. — Reuter.

FAMILY OF FOUR BURNT IN FIRE

A Chinese family of four — husband, wife, and two children — were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital early this morning suffering for serious burns received in a fire which broke out in their flat shortly after midnight.

The injured resided on the top floor of No. 11, Peking Road.

SHANGHAI FLOODED

By Typhoon Downpour

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A typhoon passing near Shanghai brought a continuous downpour over the city yesterday and the northern port is suffering the worst flood in its history.

Since early in the morning rain fell unceasingly and with the incoming tide flooded districts in the central and western areas.

The floods brought trams and buses, which started to function normally yesterday morning after the personnel of the French tramways had been on strike for a week, to a standstill.

Many districts which had never before been flooded were under a foot of water, and rickshas were doing a roaring trade, with many cars disabled. — Havas.

NOTHING TO REPORT

There is nothing to report, said yesterday's Cairo communique. — Reuter.

which was badly damaged by the fire.

Fire appliances from the Kowloon Terminus Fire Station extinguished the outbreak.

HAVE AN H.B.—

—AND THEN TRY!

COMPARATIVELY QUIET DAY OVER ENGLAND

BULGARIAN TROOPS TAKE OVER FINAL ZONE

Bulgarian troops yesterday marched into the final zone in southern Dobrudja, including Silistra and Kassum, without incident. The Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier of 1912 is thus restored. —Reuter.

ARM BLOWN OFF— FOUGHT

His arm blown off by an anti-tank shell, a young private told the driver of his carrier not to stop. He continued with his duties with only one arm.

Just before, the soldier—Private F. Williams, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry—had enabled the carrier to pass up a road lined with Germans hiding in the ditch.

The enemy were too near to be good rifle targets. So Williams prepared grenades for throwing. He threw sixteen in all as the carrier dashed up the road.

Now the one-armed soldier has been awarded the Military Medal for "initiative, devotion to duty and courage of a high order." His award is one of fifteen announced by the War Office.

Company Sergeant-Major N. Metcalfe, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been awarded the Military Cross—a distinction seldom given to any but officers—for saving "what appeared to be a hopeless position."

Metcalfe took charge when all his company officers had been killed or wounded. He had to fight his way out of the position. He withdrew his company to another position, which he held.

Chaplain Hero

The Rev. T. L. Layng, who stayed behind at Dunkirk—tend-

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY over Britain had three phases yesterday and these ventures cost them four 'planes — one in Surrey near Redhill which is believed to be the same machine which machine-gunned a train in a south-east London station, and three in Poole, Dorset, where a large formation of German 'planes was routed by fighters.

Guns in north-west, south-west and central London fired on a solitary raider which lost no time in making off. Bombs were dropped in a south-east London area during the afternoon's alert.

An Air Ministry communique says the enemy made several abortive attacks on the South of England.

For the most part his aircraft did not penetrate far inland and few reports of the dropping of bombs have been received.

A small number of aircraft reached London and dropped bombs. These caused several casualties, some fatal, and bombs were also dropped at a point near the Welsh coast, causing a small number of casualties.

While four enemy aircraft were shot down, three of our 'planes are missing.

ing the wounded and burying the dead—when his division had embarked, is awarded a bar to the M.C. he won in 1916.

The chaplain "carried on despite murderous bombing and his demeanour was an inspiration to all."

Mr. Layng was ordained on retiring from the Army in 1932. After a curacy at Sharpness, Glos., he became Rector of Duloe, Cornwall, till 1938, when he was elected tutor in modern history at Balliol College, Oxford.

Other awards are:—

Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) G. H. Gilmore, M.C., of the Cameronians, bar to the D.S.O.

Lieutenant (temp. Captain) J. Nicholson, R.A.O.C., and Second Lieutenant J. Parker, R.A., get the M.C.

Platoon Sergeant—Major R. Makewell, of the Middlesex Regiment, Sergeant Morgan, R. W. Fusiliers, and P.S.M. G. Pinkney, Durham L.I., win the D.C.M.

In addition to Private Williams, Military Medals are awarded to Lance Corporal J. Burton, Middlesex Regiment; Fusilier A. Bailey, R. W. Fusiliers; Lance-Corporal M. McNeil, R. W. Fusiliers; Private J. Johnson, Durham L.I.; and Corporal P. L. Herauville, R.A.S.C.

UP AT 5 TO MEET THE QUEEN

Helpers at a Buckinghamshire fruit preserving centre got up at 5 a.m. to "get the clothes out of the way," in time for a visit by the Queen.

When she arrived they were busy slicing plums for jam and preparing other fruit for canning.

The centre is run by Dr. Sybil Welsa with the help of the local Women's Institute. Already they have saved hundreds of pounds of surplus fruit from rotting.

The Queen saw canning being done in a garden shed by Mrs. E. Kay.

Women have been busy at the centre every day, Sundays included, since the soft fruit season started. The Queen was told that none of the preserved fruit is sold in the shops, but will be kept for sale privately among Women's Institute members and villages.

The Ministry of Food assists the work by granting a special allowance of sugar, 8lb. of which is required for every gallon of syrup used for canning.

The Queen remained nearly an hour, chatting with the women and watching them at work.

EIRE'S AREA CHIEF

Eire is to appoint area commissioners—similar to those appointed in England—who will have power to carry out the duties of Government in their districts in the event of an invasion.

Mr. Lemass, Eire Minister of Supply, revealed this in a broadcast to the Irish people.



Munition making in Australia. Photo shows an operative filling bombs with T.N.T. The fluid sets hard and is then rammed. (Copyright, Fox).

DIED—RED TAPE HELD LIFEBOAT

For nearly an hour two boys, aged fifteen, clung desperately in the sea to a capsized canoe while discussions took place whether a lifeboat should go to their rescue without the Admiralty's consent. When help did arrive one of the boys was drowned.

So annoyed are the people of Rhyl at the failure of the local lifeboat to go out that a petition of protest is being sent to Mr. Gwilym Rowlands, M.P. for Flintshire, and the National Lifeboat Institution.

This was revealed at the inquest at Rhyl on William Edward Hughes, fifteen, shop assistant, of Westfield Road, Rhyl. The verdict was Accidental death.

The other boy, Ronald William Robinson, fifteen, of Marine-drive, Rhyl, stated that on July 15 he went out with Hughes in a canoe.

It was drifting out to sea, so they tried to turn and it overturned, throwing them into the water.

"We clung to the canoe for an hour," said Robinson. "Suddenly it sank and Hughes let go. I tried to save him, but I didn't see him again. A few minutes later I was picked up by a motor-boat."

Walter Henry Bolton, a Rhyl coastguard, said Rhyl police told him that the boys were in difficulties, but on looking through his telescope, he decided they were merely bathing.

He kept them under observation for five minutes, decided they were really in difficulties and telephoned Mr. Ernest Jones, secretary of the Rhyl Lifeboat Association, who said it was not possible for the boat to go out.

Later Mr. Jones suggested that a motor-boat should be sent. This was done.

Coroner's Criticism

Constable Cecil Williams, of Rhyl, said that after he phoned Bolton twice to send the lifeboat out, Bolton agreed to do so, but at 9.20 p.m. Bolton phoned back that he had cancelled the order as he had decided the boys were really not in difficulties.

Ernest Jones, of Bodfor Street, Rhyl, secretary of Rhyl Lifeboat Association, said: "In the ordinary way I would have ordered the lifeboat out. I didn't do so because it is now under the Admiralty's supervision."

"It is forbidden to fire maroons to summon the crew, so it would have taken about an hour to get them together."

The coroner, Mr. H. Llwllyn Jones, said: "If there was a boat sinking, it would have a fine chance

HILLSIDE MYSTERY

The body of an unidentified Chinese, believed to be that of a "boy" employed in the Bowen Road Military Hospital, was found on a hillside in Lo Wai Village, Tsun Wan District, New Territories, by villagers at eight o'clock last night.

There was a small cut on the throat but no sharp instrument was located anywhere near the body, at the side of which was a length of rope stretched out, and a rattan basket containing some clothing and a bottle of Chinese wine.

PIERRE COT TO BE VICTIMISED

M. PIERRE COT, FORMER FRENCH AIR MINISTER, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE RIOM "WAR GUILT" TRIBUNAL.

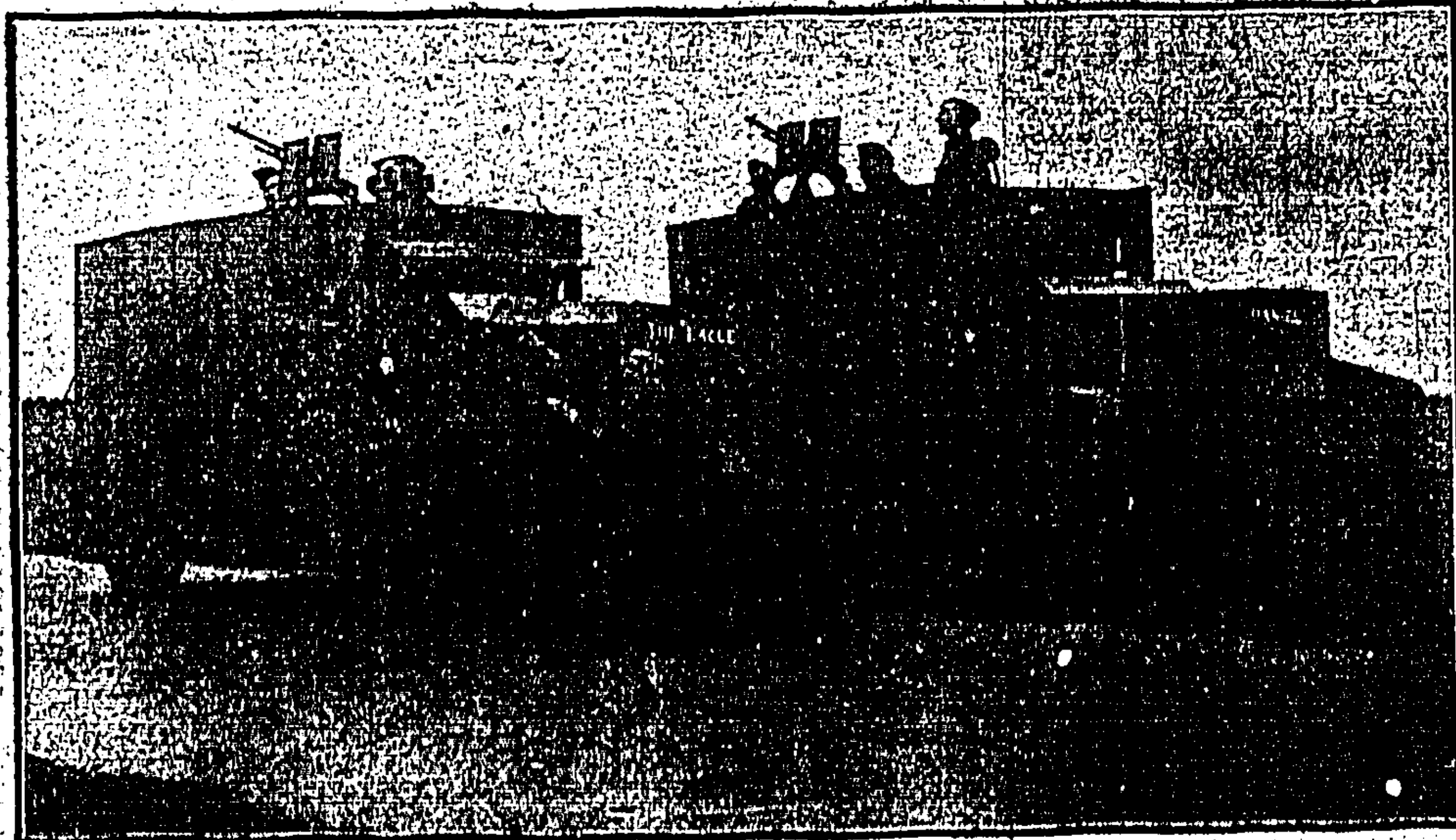
A warrant has been issued for his arrest and all his property has been seized.

M. Cot is at present in America. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE STEADY

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally steady with selected Kafirs responding to moderate buying. Japanese bonds were sharply lower while British Governments were inclined to improve after early depression. Industrials maintained their level. Wall Street was firm. —Reuter.

of being saved by your boat. Jones: Whether the boat goes out rests with me. I adapt myself to the conditions.



The Home Guard of Stroud, now have two well armoured cars and an ambulance. Two residents gave high-powered cars which a local engineering firm armoured with the approved thickness of steel, free of charge. Other tradesmen and skilled members of the Home Guard assisted in the work, which resulted in the vehicles seen in picture. Photo shows members of the Stroud Home Guard at exercises with their armoured vehicles. (Copyright, Fox).

Grand Diplomatic Surprise?

ITALY PLAYING UP THE SUNER VISIT

THE ITALIAN PRESS and radio is making considerable play of Senor Suner's visit to Rome, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent; indeed, there is an obvious attempt to suggest that a grand diplomatic surprise will be sprung upon the world within the next 24 hours.

WHETHER OR NOT SENOR SUNER WILL ACTUALLY SIGN ANY SPECIAL AGREEMENT IN ROME IS A MATTER OF SPECULATION BUT THE ODDS ARE STRONGLY AGAINST HIS SIGNING A FORMAL ACCESSION TO THE TRIPARTITE PACT.

ANOTHER CHECK ON U.S. WAR EXPORTS

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a proclamation requiring licences for the export of fire control instruments, military searchlights, aerial cameras and other types of military equipment containing optical elements. — Reuter.

AIR RAIDS VICTIMS' FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS £800,000. ONE OF THE LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS IS £5,000 FROM KENYA. Melbourne has sent £40,000 and Perth £4,000.

The Australian Red Cross has added to its gift of £25,000 last week to the British Red Cross a further sum of £5,000.

Another gift is a day's pay by all employees of the Alexandria Gas Company; most of them are Egyptians. — Reuter.

KING VISITS COLONIAL OFFICE

The King expressed deep satisfaction with the Colonies' war effort of which His Majesty was given a full account when he visited the Colonial Office yesterday.

His Majesty, who was wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, was met by Lord Lloyd, the Colonies Secretary. The visit took an hour. — Reuter.

DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

President Roosevelt, receiving a delegation of 20 military representatives from nine Latin American countries in Washington, yesterday, declared: "We all have one common problem, namely the defence of the Americas."

"We have an expression which is common to all of the 21 Republics — one for all and all for one." — Reuter.

It seems very improbable that Spain would openly associate herself with an instrument so pointedly directed against the United States.

A prominent German newspaper hints that the talks in Rome will deal with Mediterranean problems, particularly Gibraltar.

With Il Duce For An Hour And A Half

According to the German News Agency correspondent in Rome, Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of the Interior, conferred with Mussolini for an hour and a half yesterday morning.

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, was present and afterwards gave a luncheon "to a small circle of friends in honour of Senor Suner," who, it is stated, will leave for Spain tomorrow. — Reuter.

"Foundations Of A New World Order"

On leaving German territory, it is announced in Rome, Count Ciano sent a telegram to Ribbentrop in which he declared his visit had been "connected with one of the most important and, for future history, significant acts resulting from German-Italian co-operation."

"The long-cherished political aim of our two great leaders has been realised by the alliance with the glorious Japanese nation."

In reply, Ribbentrop declared: "By the conclusion of the three-power pact we have laid the strong foundation of a new world order that cannot be shaken." — Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BELGIUM

BELGIUM'S UNEMPLOYED NOW TOTAL 460,000, AND MANY BELGIANS ARE BEING DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO EARN A LIVING.

The puppet Brussels radio yesterday reported that a party of 1,200 men and 200 women have left Amsterdam by train for Germany, where they will be given work. — Reuter.

REICH POTATOES FOR MOTOR SPIRIT

THE LATEST ORDER ISSUED IN GERMANY STATES THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE POTATO CROP IS TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR SPIRIT FOR THE ARMY.

People in the larger towns will have to register for a share in the rest. — Reuter.

SIKHS URGED TO INTENSIFY EFFORT

The All-India Sikh League has appealed to all Sikhs to intensify their war effort, especially by offering themselves for military service. — Reuter.



More schoolchildren from Greater London are leaving for the West-country. This picture shows three kiddies from Islington making a last minute dash for the train. (Copyright, Fox).

JAPAN'S PART IN 'EPOCH-MAKING' AGREEMENT

COMMENTING ON THE Axis-Japan pact, the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" says that while an Axis declaration of war under the conditions of present air and sea warfare would be somewhat platonic help for Japan, America's entry into the war on England's side and a consequent Japanese declaration of war against America would be a serious aspect for the East Asiatic Empire.

The possible handing over of British fleet bases to the U.S.A. in East Asia and the increasingly severe sanctions begun to be used by Washington against Japan are reasons for anxiety in Japan which can scarcely be got rid of by the Berlin treaty.

Reverse Effect

If one of the objects of the new treaty of alliance thus can be thought to be to frighten the U.S.A. from any warlike intervention either in Europe or the Far East, by a threat to involve America in a two-front war, it remains to be seen if this combination of programmes of the European and Asiatic new order will not, more forcibly than anything else, bring home the meaninglessness of a continued isolationist policy.

In this event, the pact would have the effect, certainly not intended, of welding together the Anglo-Saxon nations even more in the common struggle of defence. — Reuter.

NOT THE SILENT SERVICE IN JAPAN

A "GRAND NAVAL REVIEW" COMMEMORATING THE 2,600TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, WILL BE HELD OFF YOKOHAMA ON OCTOBER 11, THE NAVY MINISTER ANNOUNCED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Director of Naval Publicity, stated: "Circumstances have doubled the important responsibilities of the Imperial Navy. The nation is facing an unprecedented emergency as it embarks upon the construction of a new order in Eastern Asia as well as in Europe in cooperation with Germany and Italy." — Reuter.

COURTESY — 1940 MODEL

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, A STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN VICHY PRAISING THE "COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE IN SETTLING THE PROBLEMS OF THE HANOI AGREEMENT."

Reference is made to the "loyal collaboration" of the Japanese Government.

Vichy so far has not issued any statement to this effect but has left its publication to the German news agency.

Only a week ago, it may be recalled, the Vichy Foreign Minister was blaming the Japanese for over-hastiness which resulted in the fighting at Dongdang. — Reuter.

"JOYOUS NEWS" FOR NORWAY

CERTAIN QUANTITIES OF COAL AND ANTHRACITE HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN NORWAY FOR USE DURING THE WINTER, AND THE ACUTENESS OF THE NEED MAY BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE NORWEGIAN PRESS REFERS TO THIS AS "JOYOUS NEWS."

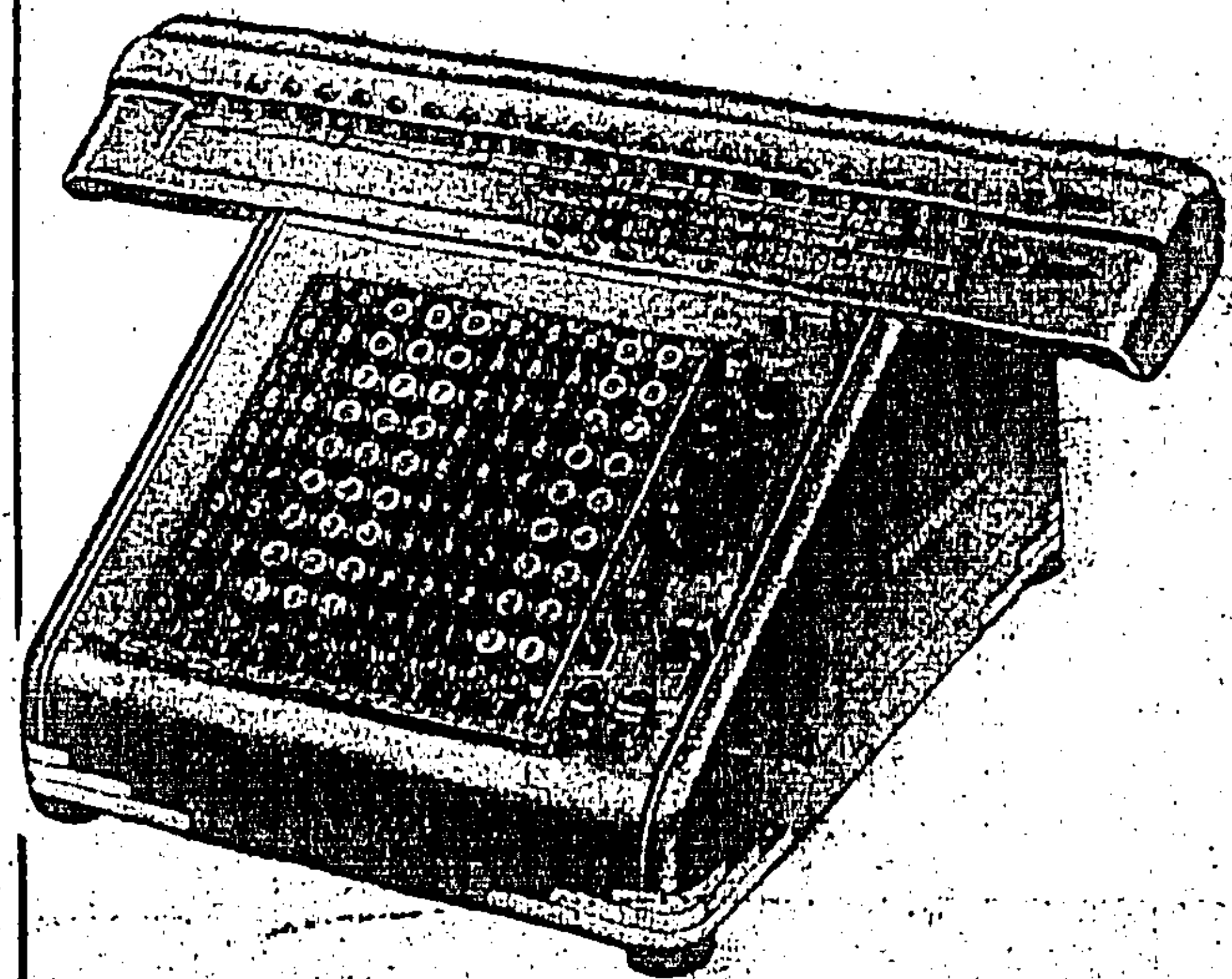
Quisling's own paper claims that the puppet government is entitled to the credit for this "magnanimous concession!" — Reuter.

GERMAN CENSUS OF BELGIAN VEHICLES

The German authorities in Belgium are taking a census of all motor-car, motor cycle and bicycle tyres, both new and second hand, and no vehicle owner is to be allowed to have more than two tyres in reserve. — Reuter.

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GERMANY TAKING COMPLETE CONTROL IN RUMANIA

RUMANIA'S STEADY development into a German State is further shown by the announcement yesterday that not only have new gauleiters been appointed for the old kingdom of Transylvania and Banat but German mayors and vice-mayors have been selected for twelve large towns in which there are large German minorities.

HAIPHONG BOMBING ENQUIRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following diplomatic demarches by the Indo-China authorities the Japanese Government yesterday ordered an investigation into the recent bombing of Haiphong.

Tokyo has also agreed in principle to pay indemnities to the wounded and the families of those killed during the bombing.

Meanwhile the first train bringing wounded to Hanoi and Langson has arrived.

Admiral De Caux, Governor-General of Indo-China, received General Suzuki, head of the Army Communications Bureau and special envoy who was accompanied by General Nishihara and the Japanese consul-general in Hanoi.

After their visit Admiral De Caux and the Japanese officers called on General Martin, commanding French forces in Indo-China. — Havas.

TINS ARE TO GO

By a Ministry of Supply Order the familiar tin container is to be swept from the shops of Britain.

Many articles normally sold in tins will be wrapped in paper from now on—and between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of tinplate will be saved annually for munitions.

"Fewer tins but more shells," says Mr. Morrison.

The familiar tin containers for face powders, shaving-sticks, cigarettes, boiled sweets, coconut and many other products will soon disappear. Many more articles, including soups, fruit vegetables, condensed milk and pipe tobacco will no longer be sold in small tins.

Oil In Tins

Tins—of approved sizes—will still be allowed for oils, paints, general chemicals and many foodstuffs, including fruit and vegetables, fish, milk and cream, soups, meats, coffee, syrup, baking powder and egg powder.

Retailers will receive supplies of various foodstuffs in large tins which they must return.

Oil will not be available to motorists in tins holding less than ten gallons.

Small uneconomic sizes of tins have been eliminated, but proper regard has been paid to the needs of working class households where price is a primary consideration.

To replace the tin containers, which will disappear as existing stocks are exhausted, alternatives have already been decided on. Chocolates which were formerly sold in tins will be wrapped in paper, while various commodities will in future be available only in cheap paper bags.

In addition German and Italian pilots are to take over the training of the Rumanian air force.

It is learned that the Iron Guardists are now demanding the arrest of every Rumanian politician who at any time was in favour of France and Britain.

Already 67 members of the old political regime are reported to have been taken to Jilava prison, some distance from the capital.

British Arrests

General Antonescu, Dictator of Rumania, in a letter yesterday to the British Minister in Bucharest, promised a "full investigation" into the affair regarding British subjects arrested at Ploesti. — Reuter.

KIDNAPPER PLEADS GUILTY

Wilhelm Muhlenbroich, a German, was indicted at Redwood City, Cal., yesterday, for the kidnapping of the three-year-old son of Contesse de Tristram. Accused pleaded guilty to the charge and will be sentenced on Friday; he faces life imprisonment. — Reuter.

CALAIS HERO A PRISONER

Lieutenant Charles Robert Cecil Weld-Forester, of the Rifle Brigade, one of the defenders of Calais, is a prisoner of war and wounded, it was learned in London.

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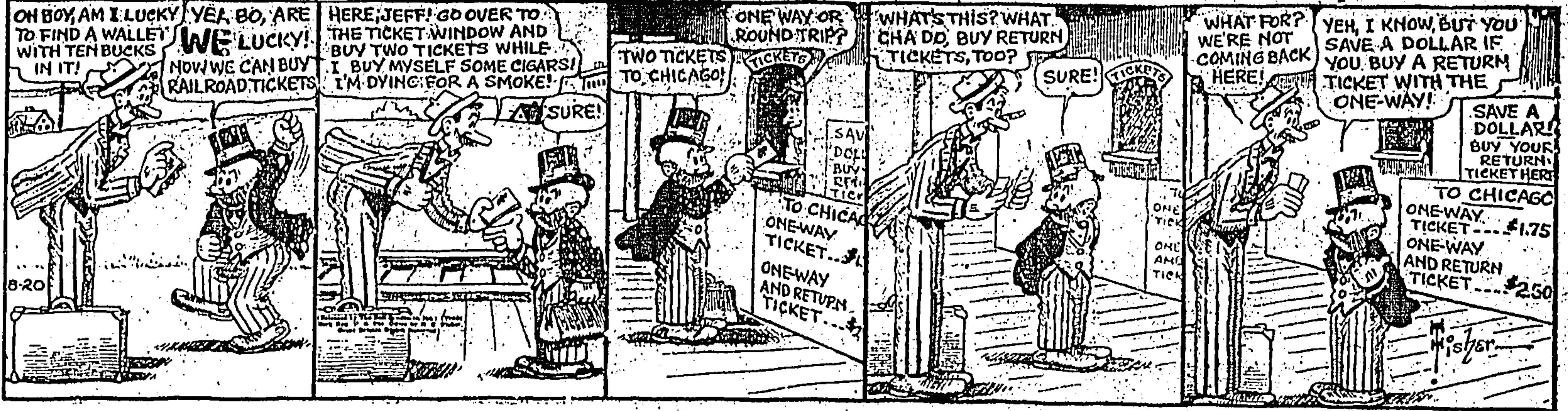
2.30: "TREASURE ISLAND"

7.20: "TARZAN ESCAPES"

5.20: "BOHEMIAN GIRL"

9.30: "DAVID COPPERFIELD"

MITT AND JEFF



"RAF MEN" WHO DON'T EXIST

Goebbels's propaganda machine is working over-time on the "latest" R.A.F. prisoners. One list contains 25 names.

Many of them have no existence in the Air Force List; most of those that can be identified have already appeared in R.A.F. casualty lists, either as prisoners or as missing.

One officer named in the German list is Pilot-Officer G. W. V. Biden. The Air Ministry reported him missing on June 15.

Pilot-Officer Vincent Parker, announced as captured, was named in a German broadcast on July 24.

Promoted

Another trick is to give R.A.F. officers and men a higher rank than they hold. Aircraftmen become flight-sergeants; pilot-officers become squadron leaders.

PART OF BRIGHTON MAY BE FREED

A large part of Brighton beach and its southern promenades may soon be released from the ban imposed by the military.

At 9.45 p.m. curfew now operates at six entertainment houses in the "curfew" area.

Those living in that area and attending theatres and cinemas in the free part of the town may still return home by 10 p.m.

SCRAP WILL MAKE ARMS FOR US

ON 20 ACRES of grassland down in the country a pyramid of twisted metal is mounting towards the sky. It is a funeral pile of Luftwaffe ambition—the dumping place to which from all over the country R.A.F. lorries bring the broken, bullet-riddled remains of the Heinkels, Dorniers, Messerschmidts and Junkers shot down by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns.

Here in increasing numbers shattered aircraft are being massed to form a grey-green mountain marked by hundreds of crosses painted on crumpled wings, writes a correspondent.

They represent thousands of pounds' worth of scrap. They will lie here until technicians have analysed the material, and they will be broken up still further and melted down for use as weapons against the country which produced them.

It takes an hour and a half to make a tour of this burial ground. Like cattle pens at a market, the ground is divided into separate lots, each one railed off by the wings of crashed aircraft; each one a dump of debris 12ft. high and covering an acre to an acre and half of ground.

The Men Cheer

The metal and produce recovering people employs 157 men, who

do nothing else but unload and pile up the lorry-loads of aeroplanes.

The men wear thick leather gauntlets as protection against the jagged edges of the metal.

And they cheer each time a lorry rumbles in from the Roman road which runs up to the gates.

One of the men who was leaning over a tangled heap of burnt-out engines was swearing quietly to himself.

"It's the reek of them that makes one swear," he said. "The bad sulphurous smell which comes from the vegetable oil they burn makes one feel sick."

I walked with him round the debris, stopping to examine different sections. He showed me the broken-off tails of Messerschmidts, each one with a small Swastika outlined in white; the half-demolished cockpit of a Junkers, riddled with bullet holes; the broken top of a Heinkel; and the wheel-hub of a Dornier.

We passed a heap, six feet in height, composed of nothing but piping and tubing.

More Dumps Ready

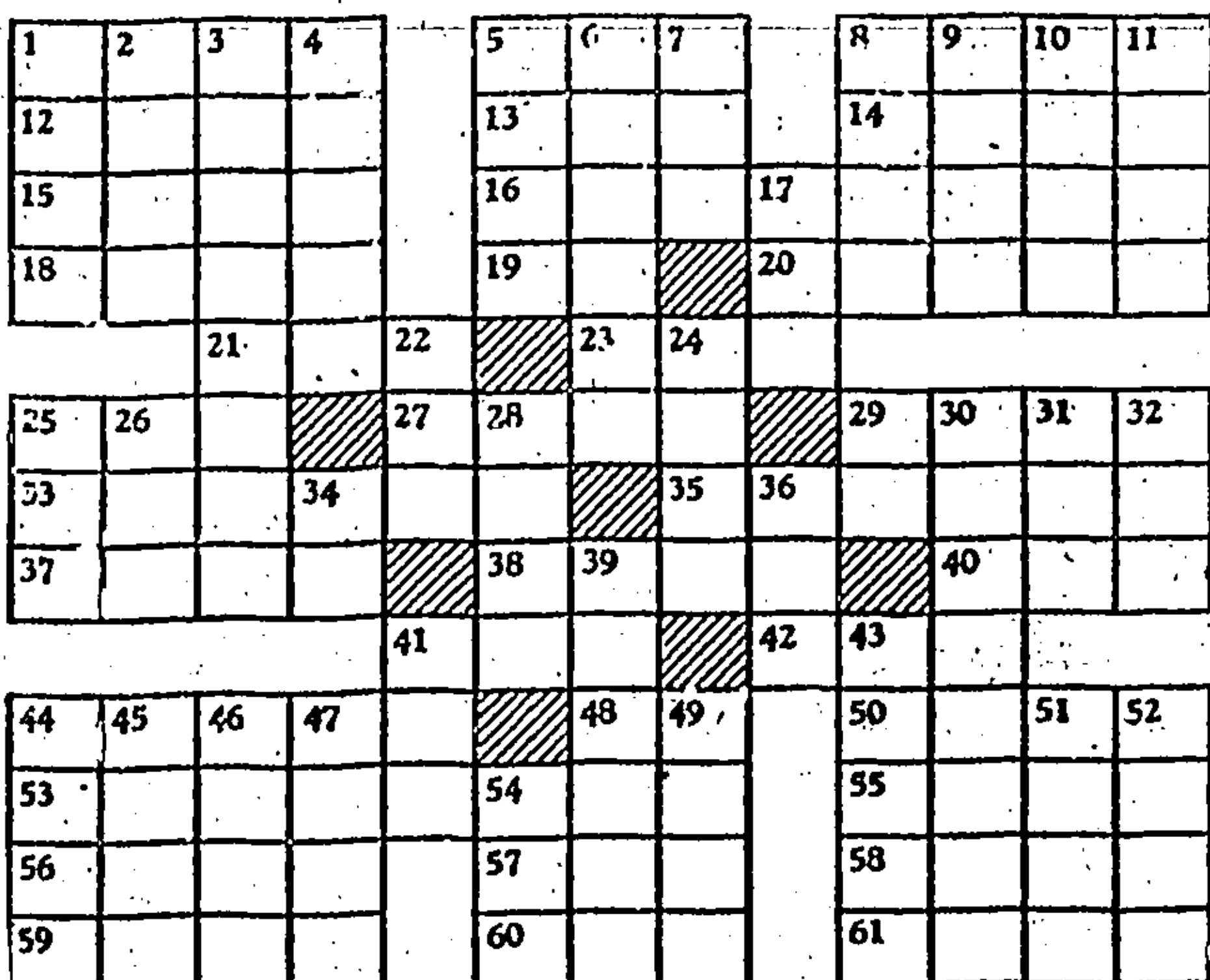
"There's enough good material among this lot to make plenty of new aeroplanes for England one day," the man told me. "They are piling up fast now, coming in here at the rate of five and six a day. If the boys go on shooting them down so fast we shall soon have to make use of our 'reserves'—and he pointed to a field beyond, where new dumping places were already railed off."

Then a big lorry turned in to the ground—first of a convoy which were carrying the various parts of a Junkers shot down that morning on the South-West Coast.

The first lorry carried one wing, riddled with bullets.

My guide excused himself saying, "Here's more work for us to do. Those boys of ours are grand."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



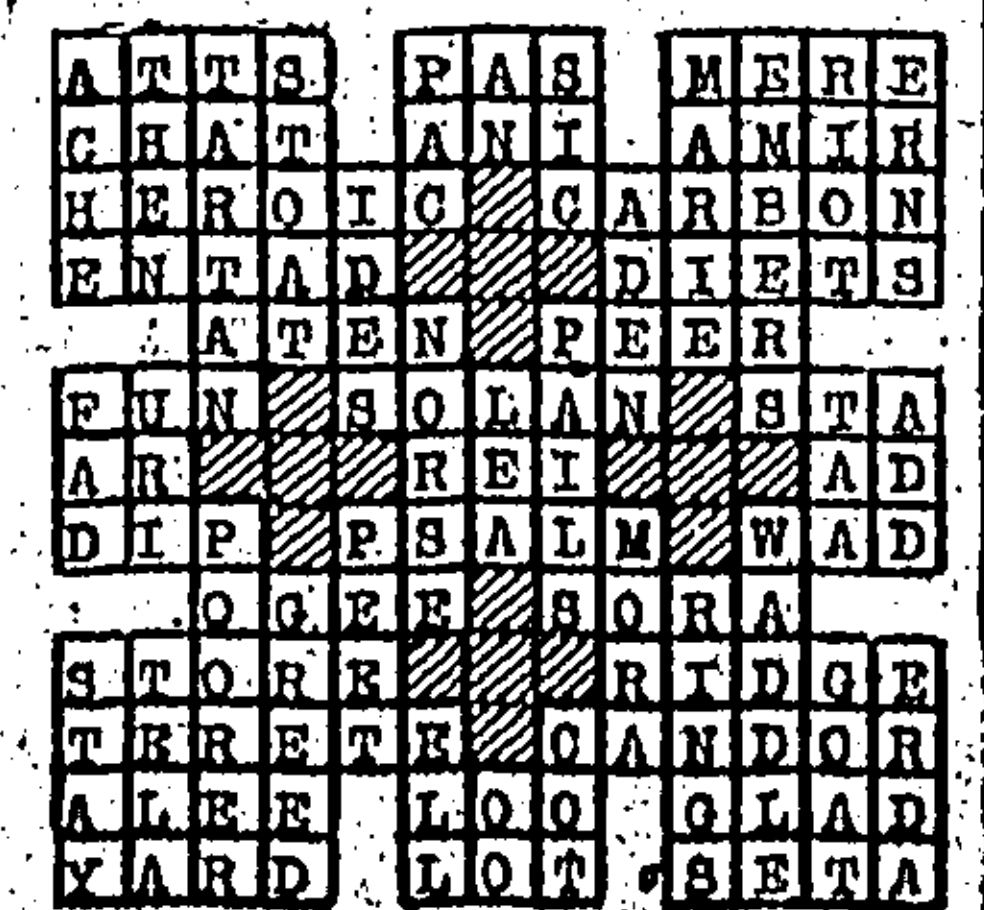
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- 1 Reckless
- 2 Foundation
- 3 Ecclesiastical vestments
- 4 Turkish regiment
- 5 Tropical blackbird
- 6 Story
- 7 To transmit
- 8 To infer
- 9 To summon
- 10 Chinese measure
- 11 Glacial ridge
- 12 To employ
- 13 To obtain
- 14 Moslem name
- 15 Grey
- 16 Fencing sword
- 17 Having limits
- 18 Fame
- 19 Placed on a mound
- 20 To declare
- 21 Body of water
- 22 Period of time
- 23 Fuel
- 24 Unmitigated

VERTICAL

- 1 To grate
- 2 Appellation of Athens
- 3 Buoyant
- 4 Conceals
- 5 German compass
- 6 Sufficient
- 7 Clamour
- 8 Siamese coins
- 9 Small singing bird
- 10 Azure
- 11 Prophet
- 12 To deposit
- 13 To devour
- 14 Ancient circuit court
- 15 Near the stern
- 16 Falshood
- 17 To burn
- 18 Printer's measure
- 19 Imaginably true
- 20 Female sheep
- 21 Girl's name
- 22 European fish
- 23 Unit of work
- 24 Pride
- 25 Before
- 26 Foreign
- 27 Barn
- 28 To this place
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- 30 At any time
- 31 Comfort
- 32 Remainder
- 33 Chopping tools
- 34 To blind

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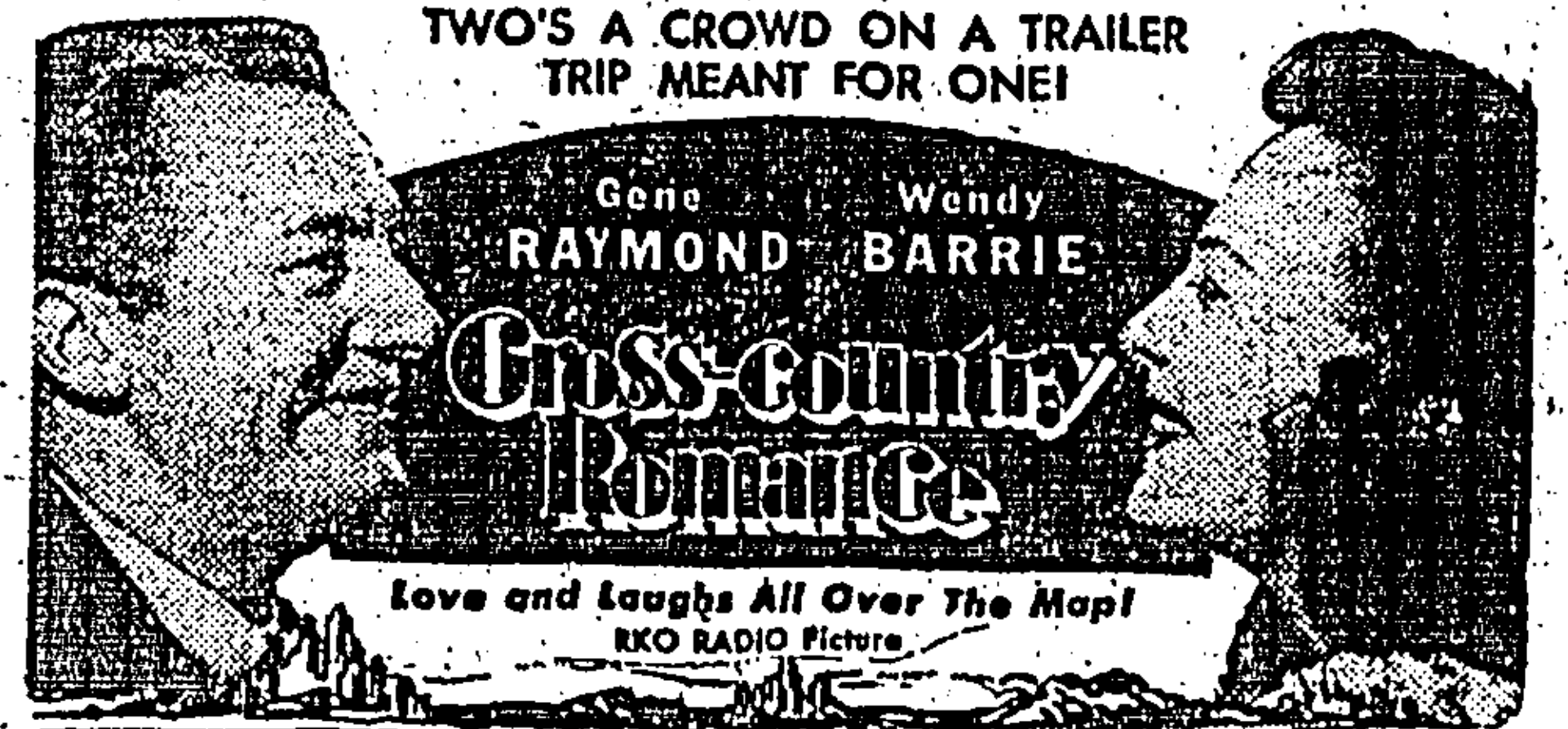


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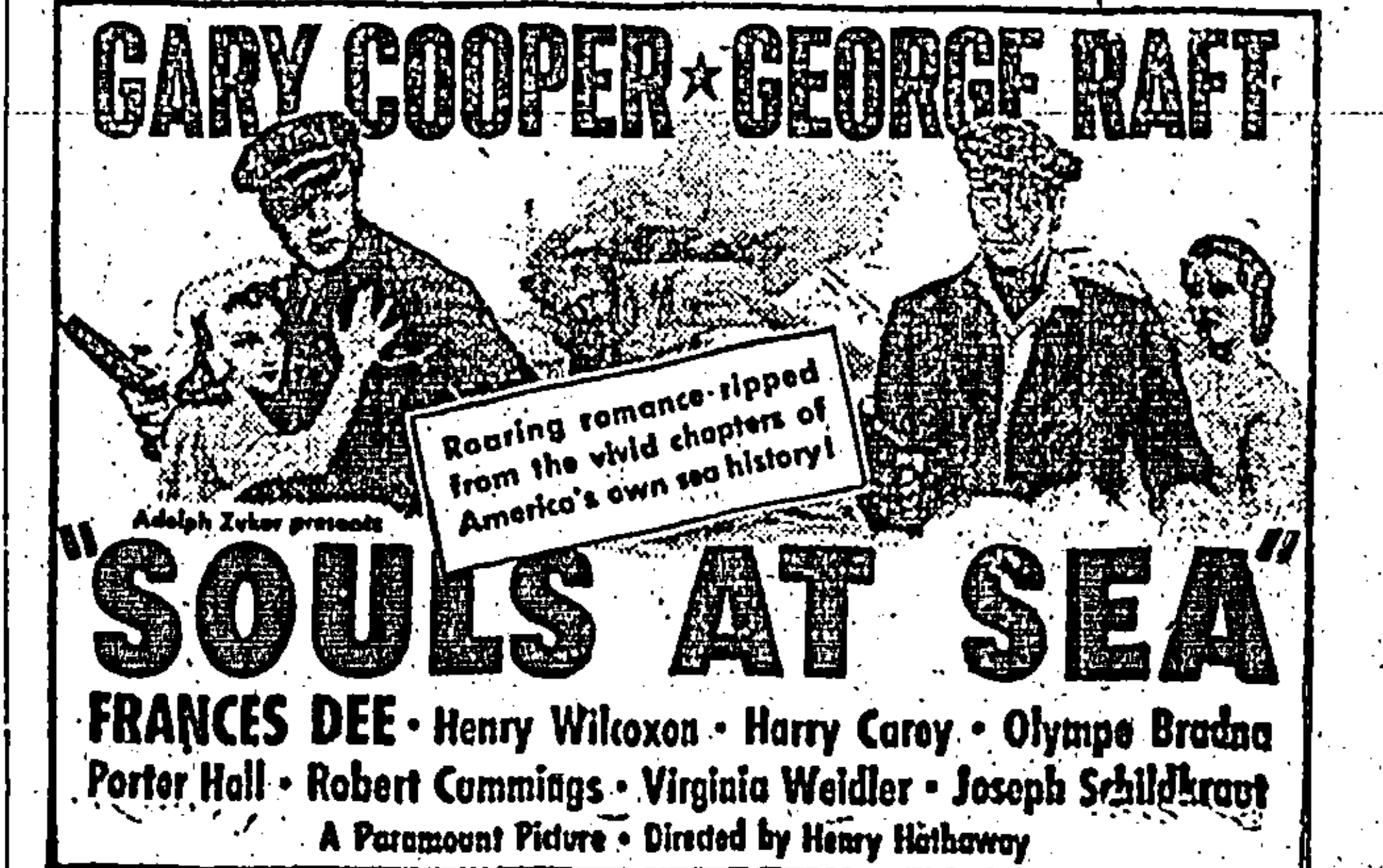


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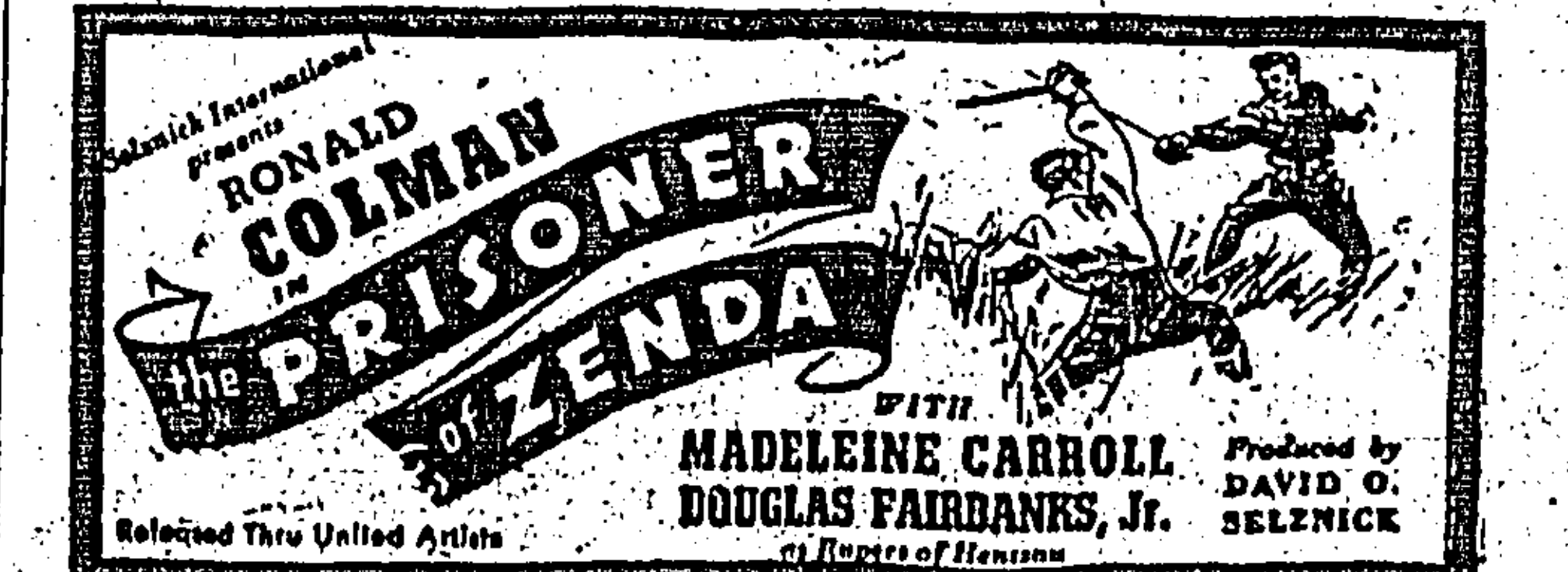
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CHANNEL THE FRONT LINE IN THE BLITZ

THE LONG-EXPECTED BATTLE of Britain is now on in earnest. That is the definite opinion of men taking part in the fierce air fighting that is still raging on the South-East coast, writes an air correspondent.

"We are now right in the middle of the blitzkrieg," said an officer of high rank. He was admirably qualified to give judgment. "There can be little doubt about it," he added. "Daily the Germans are throwing in from 500 to 600 aircraft against us on the South-East coast alone."

"Nothing could be more satisfactory than the manner in which we are inflicting heavy losses. A determined attack is in progress and it is not succeeding. The magnificent way in which the R.A.F. has met the challenge is providing the most heartening news we have had since the war began."

I have just returned from a two-weeks' stay in some of the "hot-spots" on the South-East Coast, and it may be instructive to indicate what is taking place. People who are outside the area can realise the position only dimly. Everything we used to know has changed. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers stand behind a great mass of fortifications of all kinds. They are ready, day and night, to meet a threat of invasion that has suddenly quickened.

Big Events Ahead

At some points that are regarded as particularly vulnerable there is a front-line atmosphere every bit as marked as any we can remember in France during the last war. These fortifications, extraordinary in their thoroughness, are manned for instant action.

Not the slightest risks are taken. Men are plainly told that their positions must be held if necessary to the last man. The feeling that big events lie immediately ahead is widespread.

It is in the midst of this that air fighting on an unparalleled scale is now taking place. It has been going on steadily without any real break. The Germans, beyond reasonable doubt, are making desperate attempts along the whole of the South-East coast to conquer our air defences.

The R.A.F., by sheer brilliance, is sending down the raiders at a rate that at any other time would have been looked upon as quite fantastic. Our officially recorded successes, in fact, have been so amazing that many persons have even been speculating whether they can actually be true.

Checking The Claims

It may be said at once that these official figures, far from exaggerating, are an underestimate. The number of German machines being brought down each day is considerably in excess of the claims made. Throughout its history, the R.A.F. has insisted rigidly on the corroboration of pilots' claims. Wherever there has been a doubt the claim has been disallowed. This does not cast reflection on the pilots, but represents an effort to ensure exactitude.

At first the corroboration was asked for from a second pilot. Now things are happening with such bewildering rapidity that it became essential to make some modification of the rule. Fights have been taking place on so enormous a scale and at so great a speed that it was impossible in the majority of instances for a pilot to follow the results.

Exhaustive Examination

He had no sooner sent one enemy machine to destruction than he had to face perhaps three or four more opponents. And his colleagues were similarly busy. It became obvious that in such conditions there must be a modification of the rule.

The strictest questioning, however, takes place when the pilots return to the aerodrome. The whole of the evidence in each case is exhaustively examined before any decision is reached as to the fate of the enemy aircraft. Without compunction it is decided in cases of doubt that the enemy

aircraft which has crashed shall go down in the records as disabled or badly damaged.

In large numbers of these cases the aeroplane had only the remotest chance of getting home. Yet they are not included in the list of successes.

Lost Count

This applies with particular force to the innumerable fights which have been fought on the South-East coast. The published figures, staggering as they are, do not by any means represent the extent of the victories scored over the Germans.

Every day fierce battles have been taking place over various points along the South-East Coast. The significant thing is that they are increasing rather than slackening in intensity. The great roar of the machines as they dive, the rat-a-tat-tat of the machine-guns, the deeper popping of the Messerschmidt cannon, are a constant reminder to people who find air-raid warnings so numerous that they have long ago lost count of their number.

The dropping of bombs and the din of anti-aircraft fire play a violent part, but to a remarkable extent people have adapted themselves to conditions, which have failed completely to cause the panic that the enemy hoped to bring about.

Nothing could be finer than the calm of the armed defenders. In a hundred ways they are showing daily their confidence to meet any attack. One thing has been made very obvious—the Germans are extremely annoyed by our balloon barrages.

Although they have brought several balloons down, they return to find that others have been put up in their place, and the barrier to the dive-bomber remains. This form of defence has proved most acceptable to the sailors whose convoys are being provided with them.

No-Man's Land

No praise can be too high for the men of the Merchant Navy, who go on with their job with a quiet doggedness that earns the admiration of everyone. They sail out with their painfully slow convoys, and when they return from hard adventure will usually dwell on some amusing incident rather than on the terrific attack to which they may have been subjected from the air.

The Channel has become a veritable No-Man's Land. There is something forbidding about its clear-swept stretch of water, with the French cliffs easily observable opposite.

"They seem much too near for comfort when you are in the Channel," said the commander of a motor torpedo-boat when I met him enjoying a brief spell ashore. "Those M.T.B.s are playing a very gallant part in the present battle."

"If any of our pilots happen to come down 'in the ditch,'" he said, "we like to give a helping hand. Their spirit is amazing. I came across a Spitfire pilot who had come down by parachute and was trying to swim home against a heavy tide. He was frankly surprised that anybody should have been sent out to collect him."

Worried Over Date

"The controls of his machine had been shot away and he had to bale out. He had hurt his knee, and his only concern was that he might have to 'cancel a date' he had made that night at a West End hotel. He was in great grief, because this was the third time that he had had to make a

HITLER'S HORSE MARINES

Germans are collecting old horses in Norway and training them in swimming ashore by dumping them in the sea, the "New York Times" reports from Stockholm.

The purpose is believed to be to train these animals as advance guards to blow up land mines during landing operations in England.

ATTACKS FROM AIR "A MERE PRELUDE"

The Soviet Press has not so far directly discussed the air battles over the Channel.

The opinion in Soviet military circles, however, is rather clearly brought out by the official newspaper "Pravda's" comment that, unless the German High Command can transfer actual hostilities to British soil, the war, however intensified in the air and on the sea, must necessarily be long drawn out.

"Pravda," therefore, quoting foreign observers, suggests that the present air operations are a mere prelude to graver events.

Col. Shevchaloff, military critic of the General Staff's organ "Red Star" takes much the same line, arguing that aeroplanes, when used on a mass scale, in cooperation with mighty tank corps and large forces making a landing on the coast, can be a decisive, strategical factor for the outcome of the whole war.

parachute jump, and he roared with laughter at the thought.

"But Germans who have come down in the water are far more numerous than any of our men. Our casualties in comparison have been very few indeed. The Germans have lost so heavily in this respect and seem to regard it as a matter of course they will be sent down that they are evidently becoming quite concerned over arrangements for picking them up."

Dangerous Habit

"German E boats have been used to rescue them. I saw one of these craft the other day alongside a bomber that had been shot down. The machine was blazing so furiously they could not do very much."

Although ground watchers are well used to air raids, there is always a search at the end of each one for souvenirs in the form of shell fragments or machine-gun bullets. This is a dangerous habit in the case of shells that may have come from Messerschmidts without exploding. They have to be handled so carefully that special warnings have been sent out that they must be left alone. One soldier lost his hand when the shell he picked up exploded, but another man carried a similar shell about in his pocket until he was informed of the risk he ran.

Bombing is being directed to an increasing extent against military objectives, including big aerodromes, but the results achieved by the enemy have not been at all commensurate with the needs of the situation if invasion is seriously contemplated.



HITLER'S PLAN?

Nazi spokesmen in Berlin, have recently in presenting their versions of great losses inflicted on Britain, been beginning to speak of their supposed effect on "an air force even as large as the R.A.F." It is a justified admission of respect and one which must be fortified in the minds of Germans by the nightly news from the Rhineland.

If Hitler's plan, whatever it is, is to mean anything in the way of a decision it must not only justify some part of the long threatened assault on the British Isles but it must also curb our demonstrated capacity for attack. The second necessity is clearly unfulfilled at the present time and so long as it remains unfulfilled it is impossible to maintain that the first is in effective operation.

German tales for home and neutral consumption grow, if anything, wilder as the air war deepens; they now even invent disquisitions at our Air Ministry. But of the serious intentions of the attempted assault there is no doubt.

Convoys, ports, aerodromes, balloon barrages, and here and there by night industrial centres—these are not targets of terrorism but of significant importance; if great and sustained damage could be there inflicted our war effort would be accordingly handicapped and attempted invasion by sea brought nearer.

But in spite of the increased severity of the attacks the damage does not increase as do the losses to the attackers.

If the aim of the "well-laid plan" is attrition, it is so far working to Germany's disadvantage both at home and in the air. But we cannot expect that the attacks will slacken; by sheer necessity of war and by the tales that have been told to his own people Hitler is too deeply committed to them. He must do something with what remains of the autumn and that something we must be prepared to meet in whatever form his necessity may drive him to attempt. For the present the valour, sacrifices, and ability of the R.A.F., both in defence and in attack, have served us magnificently and cannot be too gratefully saluted.

Japan's Pact With The Axis

The signing of the tripartite pact has been carried out with a great flourish of trumpets though it were the solemn pronouncement of final judgment, he who the victim against whom it is directed, was hanged, drawn and quartered. On closer examination, however, it turns out to be, not an indication of confidence in final victory so much as an empty threat in the hope of staving off defeat.

What is the position? Japan loudly proclaimed for years that Russia was the enemy in the same way as Germany did. Russia was internally corrupt, ruled by a gang of sub-human beings in Hitler's words, and could easily be conquered. Japan tested the strength of the Russian forces at the battle for the hill of Chang Ko Feng in July 1938 and then retired to think the matter over. The idea was that such a successful war would be a way out from the unsuccessful effort to subdue China but it was realised that such a campaign would involve even greater risk and more likelihood of defeat than the campaign in which Japan was already involved.

In the fourth year of war in China in spite of the assistance rendered to her by the war material obtained from the United

States, and by the closure of the Burma Road, in spite of control of the whole coast of China, the prospect of creating the new order in that part of the world is more remote than ever. Having failed against Russia and secondly against China, having burdened the nation with a colossal debt and reduced the standard of living

By CIVIS

Japan now looks for another way of escape.

France lies bleeding and helpless, and her distant colonies undefended; with the connivance of the Nazi people and as a bait to lure Japan in to the vortex the latter is urged to take advantage of the situation.

The road North to Siberia is closed, the advance to the west through China having been held up for two years, the expansion south is now opened up. Having failed in two directions there is a last hope she will succeed in the third effort. Like the little boy

Japan is for the time being the King of the Castle in Indo-China and the United States is the dirty rascal for criticising this move south.

The control of this territory has been gained, but now the cost is being calculated. The rearmament in the United States, carried on with all the tremendous industrial resources of that country and the embargo on metals and aviation spirit destined for Japan, mean that the recognition by Germany and Italy of Japan's domination there is not going to be unchallenged.

Japan has been pondering deeply how she is going to meet that challenge and this tripartite treaty is one of the means by which she hopes to stave off the day of reckoning. From the Japanese point of view then, the signing of the pact with Germany and Italy should hardly be accompanied by paeans of victory.

It is a treaty demanded by the situation, because of abject fear.

If, however, that is the case with Japan, it is a similar fear

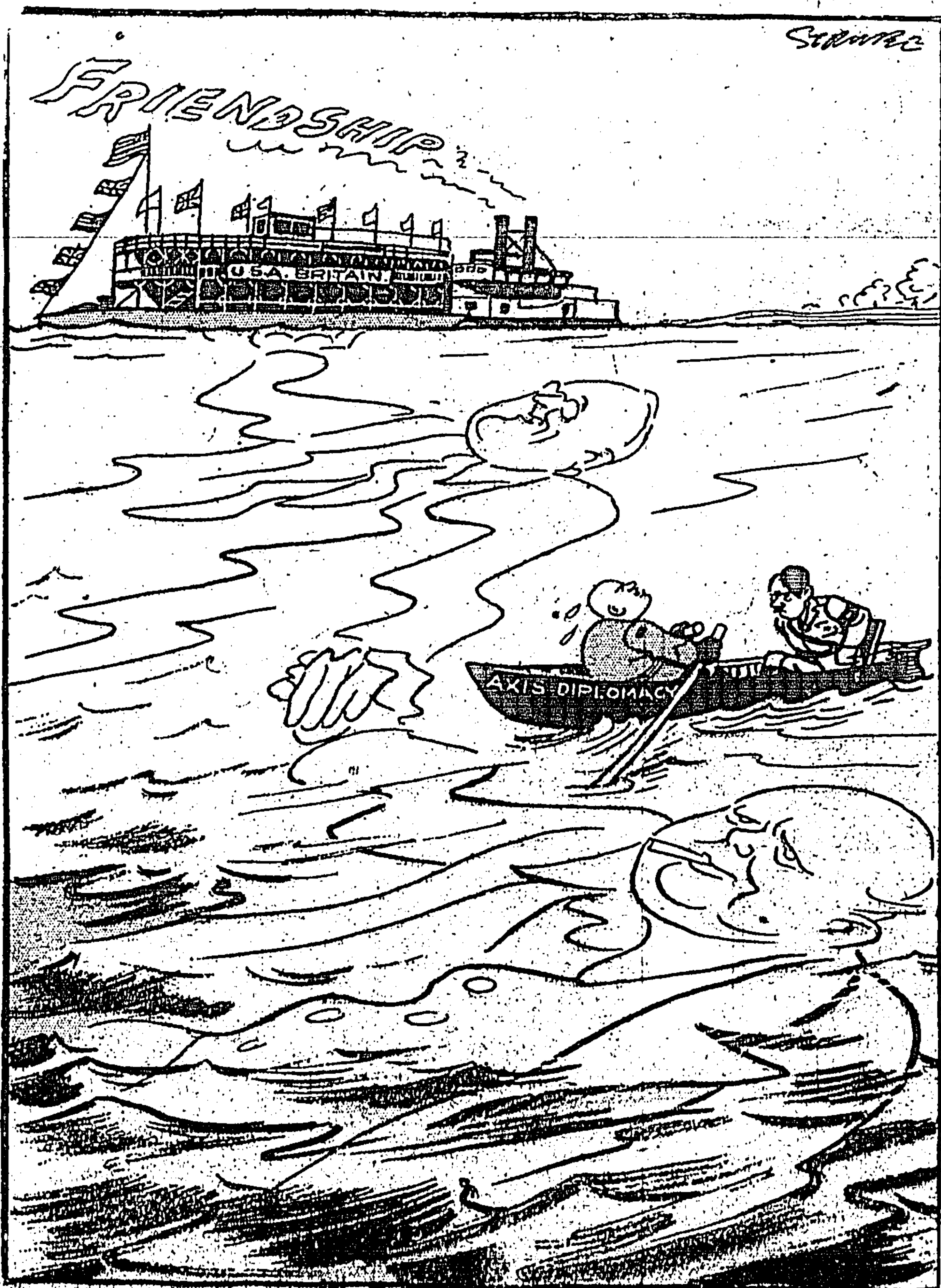
which animates Germany and Italy. The treaty marks their failure to achieve the kind of victory which alone will assure their hegemony in Europe which they so loudly proclaim is theirs. Hitler has shouted from the house-tops that Britain would be invaded and subdued this year, and that he would dictate peace from Buckingham Palace in August, assuming that Buckingham Palace was still standing.

The simple and incontrovertible fact remains that he has not done so. Goebbels' loud threats and denunciations over the Berlin radio have not been implemented by the achievements of Goering's Luftwaffe. On the contrary the R.A.F. has blasted his invasion bases on the European coast without intermission and to such a degree as to make the attempt impossible. But that is merely the preliminary for the navy and the land forces in Britain also have to be overcome before peace can be dictated in London. It is a truly formidable task which the Nazis have undertaken and to a person of average intellect an impossible one. The fact is the Nazis have been thinking in terms of land power with the air force as the spearhead of a successful attack, as in Poland. Britain, however, is not Poland neither from a geographical, military, naval, or aerial point of view. It is the centre of the British Empire and the focus of its power.

Hitler then has proclaimed his failure since he has wisely failed to make the attempt. Italy, too, which has been urging Germany to get on with the blitzkrieg against Britain, is obviously worried. She fears a long war and the power of the United States.

There has been no progress in her major operations in Africa, her warships carefully avoid contact with the British fleet, which parades the Mediterranean for days on end, as in times of peace. Both Italy and Germany, who have nothing whatever to offer Japan except the French derelict possession of Indo-China, look for her help against the United States. They also are afraid of the future. Japan then is expected to face the United States, and from Germany she will get sympathy and encouragement in her predicament.

China which is handed over on paper to the tender mercies of Japan is now in a stronger position than before, since Japan having interests elsewhere will probably be satisfied to contain the Chinese armies within their present positions and will seek ultimately to make a graceful withdrawal on some plea or other. With regard to Italy and Germany it would seem that Free China's attitude now must be one of non-belligerency. The activities of the German and Italian nationals in Free China are now officially announced to be in favour of Japan. Whatever trade they are carrying on in wolfram and such things should be stopped seeing that the supply of this material to Germany indirectly helps Japan in her efforts at conquest. It would be ironic to welcome the American embargo on scrap metal and aviation spirit and to aid Japan's ally in any way whatever. The new embargo begins on October 16th and the Burma Road is expected to be re-opened about the same date.



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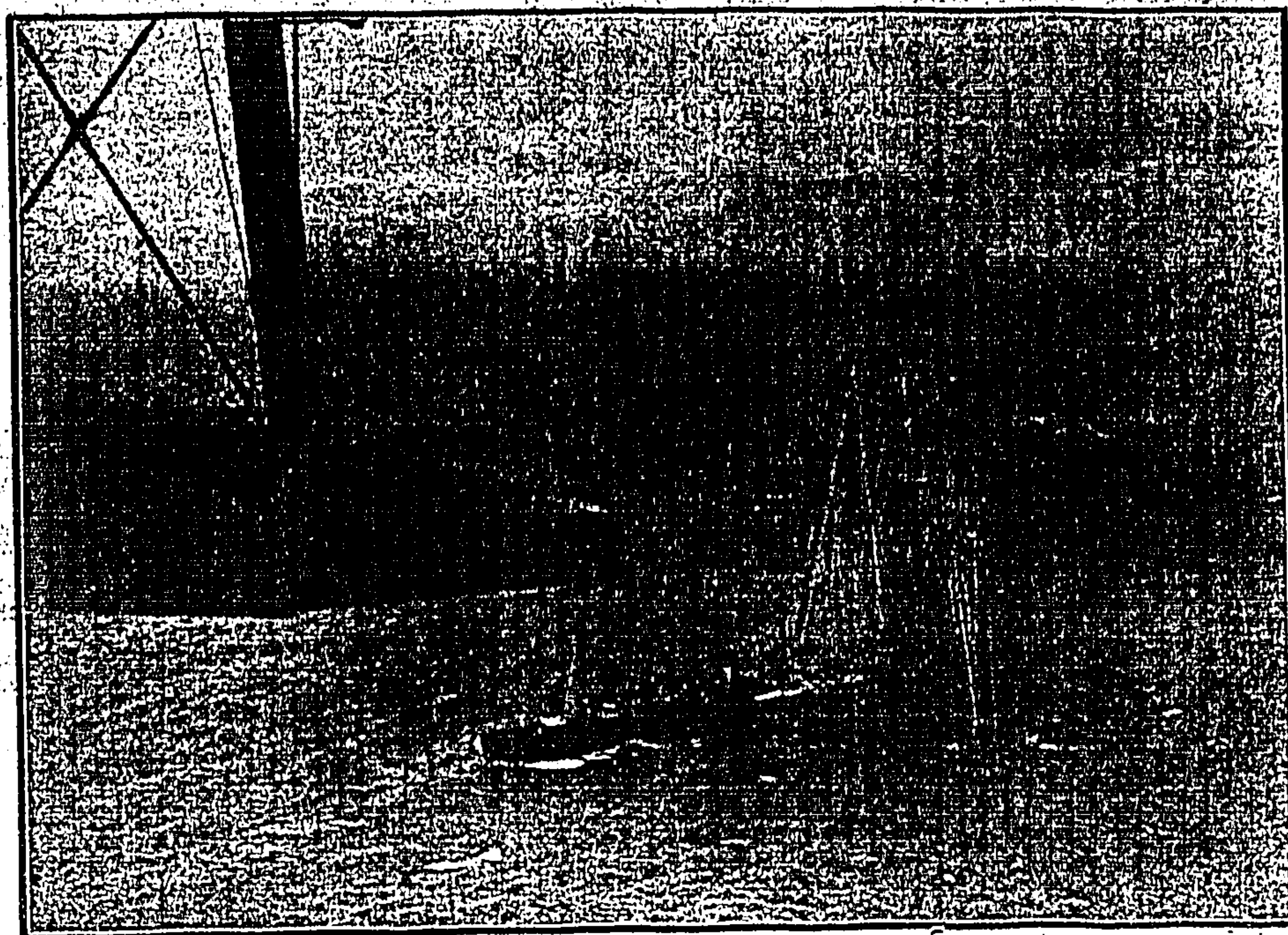
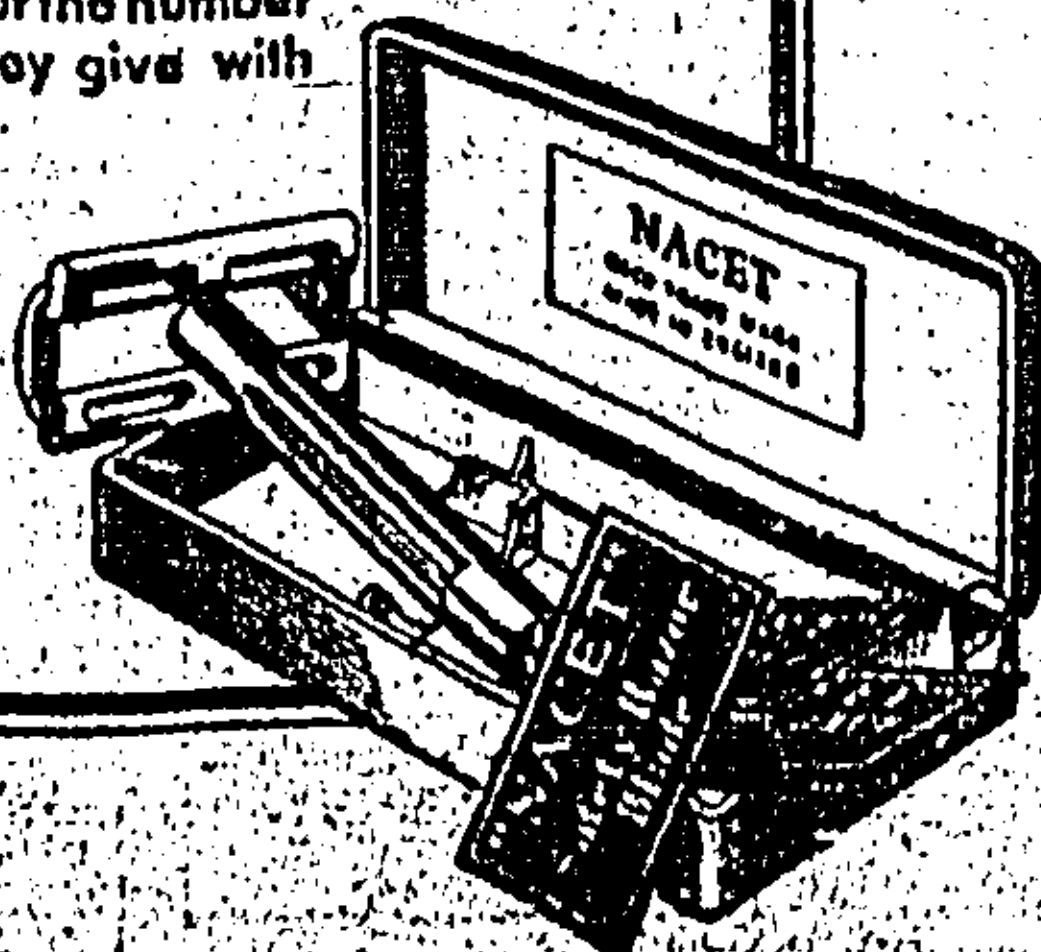
THE tight frilled bodice and the flared crinoline skirt have come straight out of the old family album, but the figure is her own. Great grandmama could never have achieved this slim athletic line without the high-pressure help of a sturdy lady's maid, but she achieves it by watching her diet and her drinks. Her cocktail for example is always a "Gimlet" because she knows that the girl who insists on Rose's Lime Juice today avoids a headache and a Rubens contour tomorrow.

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Cooperation In Defence Against Invasion

From A Special Correspondent

ONE OF THE things that most impress one after periodical visits to troops engaged in preparations for defence against invasion is the way in which plans for the counter assault are steadily becoming standardised and a definite technique evolved.

Another, and this is encouraging for more than one reason, is the increasing degree of cooperation that exists between the full-time troops and the Home Guard.

The public ought now to be let into the secrets of the way in which the last three months have been spent experimenting in the development of plans for throwing the invader back into the sea should he gain a foothold. It can now be stated with confidence that whenever the call is made it will be answered in a methodical rather than a haphazard manner.

Static And Mobile

When the military authorities first took stock of the problem of defending the country, the duties of the troops seemed to fall into two categories, static and mobile. The static defence was the simpler to prepare. It meant the construction of the beach and other defences which have been described on previous visits to the troops engaged. The job of the static defender is equally simple, and could not be better described than in the instructions to a post held by a company of the Home Guard of a north-western town. It runs, "If the post is attacked it (the garrison) will resist by every means and remain until relieved. If the garrison cannot remain alive, it will remain dead; but in any case it will remain."

The questions arising from a decision to form mobile forces were difficult. What should be the strength of the smallest yet effective mobile force? How should it be constituted? How should it operate? In the last two months the answers have been given, and they now await a practical test, which may come more quickly than is usual with military theory.

Big Strides

One has seen the mobile company of two battalions stationed in a north-western area. One was a unit of The South Wales Borderers. Just over three weeks ago we witnessed a similar exercise carried out by a battalion of The Black Watch, so that it was possible to note the big forward stride that had been made in the interval.

In the latest example of the work of the mobile company news of a surprise landing was supposed to have been given to the battalion

commander by Home Guards manning an observation post, but not strong enough even to pin the enemy to their landing spot. So the mobile company was summoned. First came the motor-cycle platoon scouts and advanced guards, then the Bren-gun carriers, followed by two platoons in trucks. Beyond them came the fourth platoon. The company had the wireless car with it, and was a self-contained fighting unit ever down to its supply trucks and field ambulances. The infantry carried their 2in. mortars, and behind a barrage of these they advanced to the final assault. Presumably the rest of the battalion would be reasonably close at hand as reinforcements should the mobile company prove less successful than they appear to be in this mock action.

"Tank-Hunting Platoon"

Another development is the "tank-hunting" platoon of the infantry battalion. This force, on being told that tanks are in the neighbourhood, has to shadow the invader, commit it to a previously prepared route, or get sufficiently ahead of it to prepare an ambush. The troops are finding all this great fun, particularly it is with The South Wales Borderers, an imitation tank is used, for there is always a chance of sending an unpopular N.C.O. of another company over the handle-bars of a cycle by a judiciously placed trip wire when he is playing "enemy scout." And you can also pelt the occupants of the dummy tank with chunks of wood or other missiles shaped like bombs.

Yet this is a serious function now allotted to the infantry. Had these small forces been used against the tanks which advanced along the Somme, the Germans might have been held up long enough to enable the Allied forces to deal with them. But the important feature about the defensive plan in this part of the country is that the full-time troops would be called in to support or to take over from the local Home Guard who, in a variety of circumstances, might have to bear the first brunt of the invasion.

ANTI-JEW HINT IN FRANCE

First open hint of anti-Jewish measures in France was made by the "Paris-Soir."

"We witnessed the virtual occupation of France by Jews, and the total solution of the Jewish question is one of the essential conditions of our recovery," it says — British United Press.

Obviously at all the highly vulnerable spots there are static defences in the charge of the more experienced infantry, but over a wide area it is the Home Guard, in whom the local High Command has the utmost confidence, who must take the first rain.

Not Spectacular

A surprisingly high degree of cooperation exists between the General Staff and the Home Guard battalions in this area, organised even to their own "tank-hunting platoon," mobile reserve, ambulance service, supply columns, and regimental police. They have their defensive zones, their local areas, their battle positions, and their road blocks. Incidentally, one of these was recently tested by a real heavy tank, and the exercise was called off when the issue lay between breaking the block and doing several thousands of pounds worth of damage to the vehicle.

During these exercises the local population gets as near as it is allowed to see the fun. Enthusiasm is nicely balanced between cheering the blank rounds fired by the tank as it makes to charge the barrier, and applause for the home side when it lands a wooden bomb with a healthy wallop on the tank. And such is the technical knowledge of the wives and families that they appreciate father's marksmanship when he aims at the more vulnerable parts of the vehicle.

But all the work of these Home Guards is not so spectacular. They do patrol and guard duties once or twice in every six nights, and put in two parades a week learning musketry, map reading, bombing, and demolition. With the majority it is only a case of brushing up their knowledge, but there are a surprisingly large number of youngsters among them, and refreshingly few very elderly gentlemen in senior positions.

THIS WAS THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE

PEOPLE IN SCORES OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES SAW THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER LAND SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

Bombers estimated at between a hundred and two hundred, escorted by fighters, came over the countryside in perfect formation. Then they were attacked by Hurricanes and Spitfires.

For half an hour a terrific dog fight raged. Towns and villages were bombed and machine-gunned. Raiders, split from their formation, were forced down to rooftop height, chased by our fighters.

A number of them were brought down and crashed in fields and on houses.

At least eight villages were bombed, two were machine-gunned, and in a fight which took place at housetop height over one village a German machine was so low that its bomb rack struck a chimney pot in the middle of a row of cottages. Soon afterwards a bomb exploded and wrecked two of the cottages.

A seventy-year-old woman in one of them was taking refuge underneath the sink in the kitchen. She was dragged out after the raid by A.R.P. workers, and was suffering only from severe shock.

The family next door, including two evacuee children, were ready to sit down to their midday meal.

"When the crash came the dinner was blown over the houses," the husband said. "I shut my eyes and when I opened them again you could not see for dust."

The Germans came over in waves of fourteen at a time, flying very high. But they could be clearly seen.

The Spitfires and Hurricanes got in among them, and split them up into two sections. More of our fighters plunged into the battle and split them up yet again.

A man who lost a brother in the raids said: "The Jerries did not know what to do. I have never seen anything like it."

R.A.F. Dive In

"First of all came the German bombers with their fighters dodging around to protect them. Then our boys got busy. You could see them turning somersaults in the air, flinging their machines everywhere and diving right in among the Jerries from all angles."

"I saw one British fighter single out a German bomber. He dived right at him, let fire with all his guns and cut the German's wing clean away."

"You could see the wing come crashing down to earth and the Germans jumped for it and came down in their parachutes. Our fighter—the one who had done the damage—followed the parachutes all the way down to the ground."

Five of the German raiders either divebombed or were forced down during the battle. At any rate they had British fighters following hot on their tail.

Said another man: "I was watching a squadron of German planes when all of a sudden one machine with several others following it, British and German, flew over the village at housetop height."

"One of the German machines hit the chimney pot of one of a row of cottages. Smoke burst from the cottages that had been struck and the bomb exploded almost at once."

Bricks and pieces of timber were blown into the air and fell all over the village. The street was full of smoke and dust."

In one village four people in an Anderson shelter which had not been provided with a blast screen were killed.

CANADIAN TO AID B.B.C.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, at the request of the B.B.C., have agreed to second Mr. Ernest L. Bushnell, its general programmes supervisor, to act as North American programmes organiser for the B.B.C.

A GUIDE TO TRUTH

Time after time Berlin announces that a raid has utterly destroyed some important objective, while London says the damage was negligible.

Neutrals ask which they shall believe.

Here is a pointer:

The German High Command announced that not only were most of the ships in Portland harbour sunk but the naval repair yard was practically destroyed, oil tanks destroyed by fire, and warehouses left in ruins.

The Admiralty said the raiders scored a few hits but did no damage of any importance.

The American Columbia Broadcasting Company's British representative made a comprehensive tour of Portland harbour and naval yard after the raid and this is what he said in a broadcast to the United States:

'Admiralty Accurate'

"The Admiralty communique reporting the German raids against Portland was accurate."

"I should say that perhaps four or five small office buildings were destroyed."

"One group of six or eight bombs had been planted in a line on a practically unused railway yard, too far one way or the other to do any serious damage."

"There was no damage that could be observed to any of the vital elements of the naval establishment of Portland. It is still doing business."

"Probably the most impressive thing about this aerial warfare is the speed with which it happens, and the calmness of the people. If one must be bombed one could not ask for better company."



Ann Sothorn wears this three-piece outfit consisting of navy blue wool skirt and jacket and brilliant print blouse. The blouse is short-sleeved; the skirt has unpressed front pleats for fullness; and the jaunty hat is navy blue felt with pink grosgrain ribbon and fishnet veil trim, the pink picking up the predominate shade in the blouse.

WIFE TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO SAVE

When a fourteen-stone woman fell into a lake while stepping out of a punt her husband tried to pull her out, but she was too heavy for him.

Accidental death was the verdict on the woman, Mrs. Anne Watson, aged seventy, of Lake Lodge, Knebworth Park, Herts.

LEGAL MEN CHECK NAZI LOSSES

OUR FIGURES of Nazi air losses are an understatement, according to an American journalist who visited a Southern England aerodrome.

"I have always thought that the Air Ministry's figures were an under-estimate," he said. "Now that I have seen the exacting and careful system of checking I have no doubt about it."

Attached to each fighter aerodrome is a station intelligence office, where all pilots' reports are checked and counter-checked before being sent on to the Air Ministry. Each squadron using the aerodrome has its own intelligence officer.

Some of them were barristers in civil life. Many saw service in the last war.

Four Times Daily

Last week some of these pilots made three or even four trips daily into the air.

One middle-aged intelligence officer said that in some cases he had not had time to take details from the pilots of one combat before they were sent into the air again to counter another German wave of bombers and fighters.

That is one reason why during the days of the hottest engagements reports were delayed and full details of German losses were not available until the early hours of the following morning.

For the purpose of determining enemy casualties three categories are used—destroyed, probable, and damaged.

A machine is claimed as do-

stroyed only if it has been seen to blow up, be hopelessly on fire or to have crashed on land or sea.

"Probables" are machines which have suffered extremely severe damage with pieces breaking away, or were seen to be crashing down, but were not observed to have hit the ground.

Hit Not Enough

The "damaged" are those which have not only been hit but have been seen to have suffered definite damage.

The pilots tell their stories calmly and impersonally, and they have some amusing as well as dramatic tales to tell.

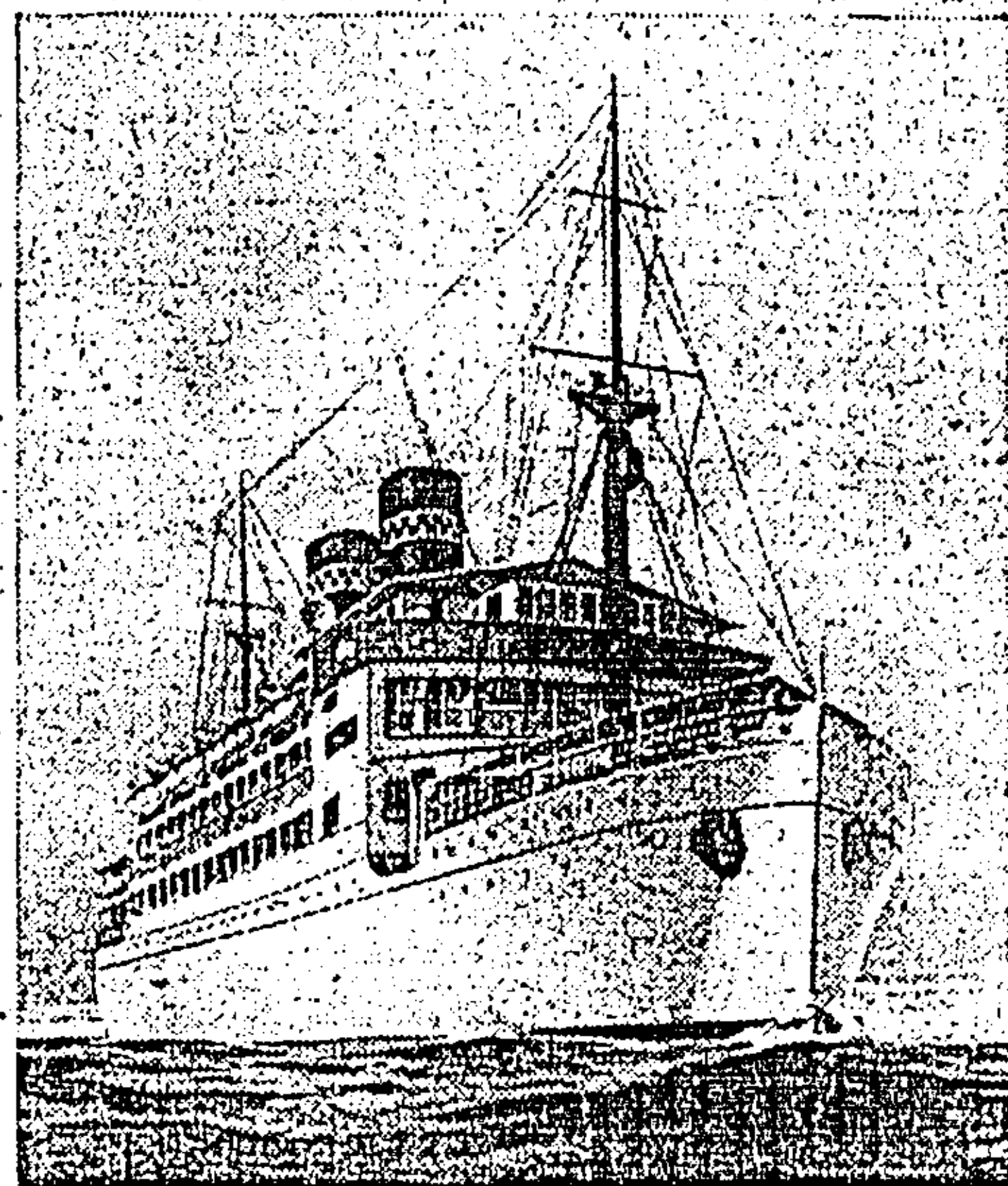
One of them had to make a parachute landing. He came down in what seemed to him a "dead world." The sirens had gone, but, of course, he had not heard them. "As I banged on a door," he said, "a deep voice from what seemed to be the bowels of the earth said: 'Who are you?' and out of an Anderson shelter stepped the recipient of the house."

"He had a shot gun, so I put my hands up. It's the safest thing to do in such circumstances, don't you think?"

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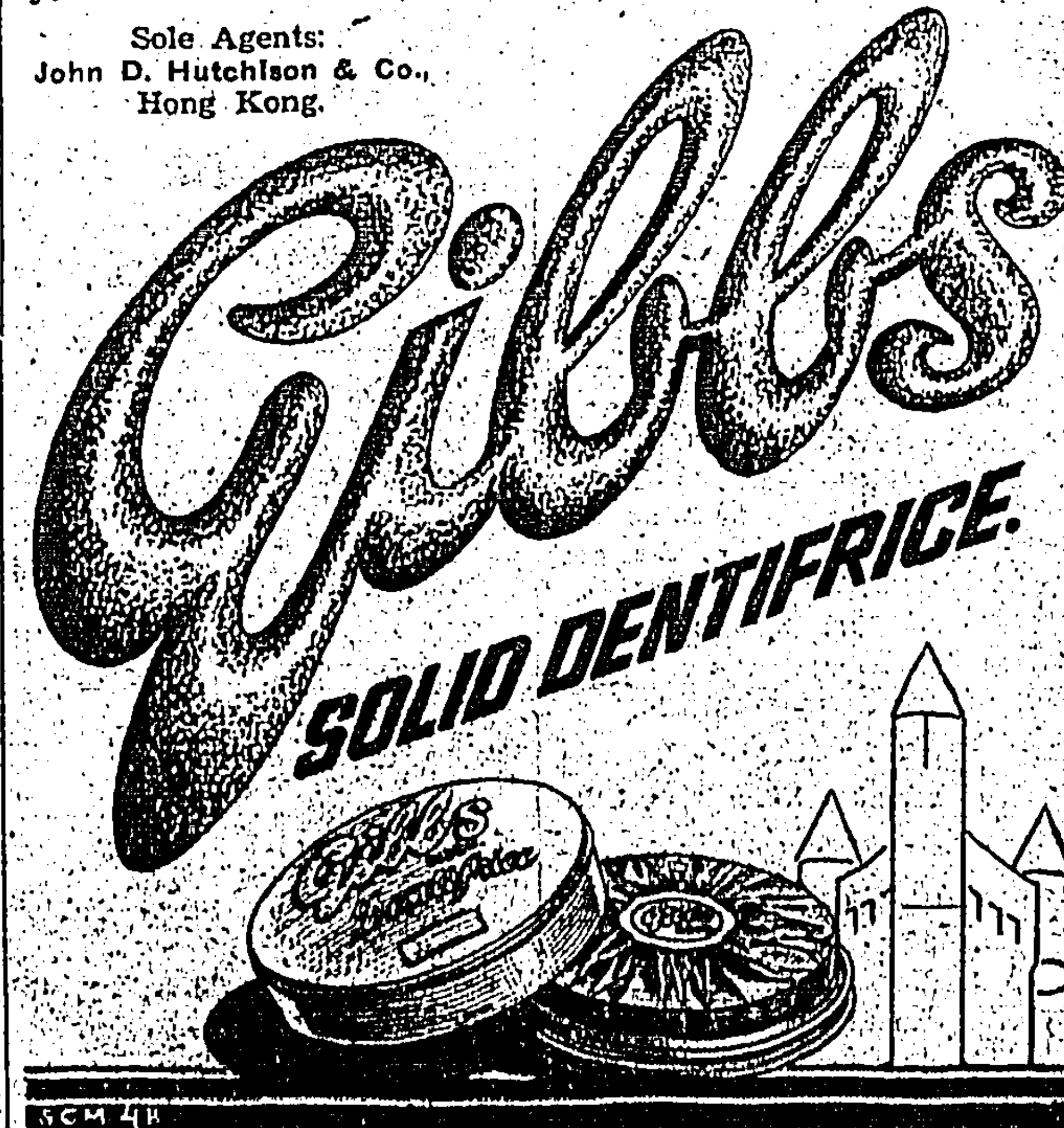
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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th September, 1940

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BRIDGE NOTES

(By The Four Aces)

PUNISHING PRESUMPTION
West, like many players, thought it a good idea to double if there was a fair chance to defeat the contract. His presumption was justly punished.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 6 2
♥ A 9 8 5 2
♦ Q J 6 3
♣ 4
♠ Q J 10 5
♥ 10 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 9 8 5
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W
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S
♠ A K 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ A 10 9
♣ K 10 6 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dbl.	Redbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the ten of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. South decided to play West for trump strength and East for the high-card strength, so promptly returned the singleton club from the dummy.

East stepped up with the club Ace and shot back his trump, South winning with the ace.

Declarer next cashed the club King, discarding one of dummy's hearts, and ruffed a club in dummy. The next step was to lead a low diamond and finesse the ten.

When that held, South ruffed his last club in the dummy and returned to his hand by finessing the diamond nine. He then cashed the King of spades and surrendered two trump tricks, making his redoubled contract.

The double, far from doing West any good, lost him 300 points plus a good deal of his partner's confidence. A second double, as every good player knows, is made when the set will be more than one trick — or at least where a redouble is out of the question.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 6 4 2
♦ A 10 8 4
♣ K 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid six spades. Your partner's bidding shows eleven black cards, so your Aces take care of his red cards. The spade Queen and club King should prevent his losing more than one trick in the black suits.

Score 100% for six spades; 80% for four hearts, four diamonds, or four no-trump; 60% for five spades; 20% for four spades or four clubs, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 530

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K Q 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ K 7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Malor	You	Schenken
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WHAT THE U.S.A. IS SAYING

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Americans have never been remarkable for their reserve and they have no shyness now in discussing, even with complete strangers in public places everywhere, their hopes and fears for Great Britain. Hopes have been raised to a high pitch now that it is becoming plainer and plainer that the Germans have been taking a terrible beating. Confused as the news still is, because of the wide disparity between the British and the German claims, even the man in the street has begun to see that "the British are putting it all over the Heinies."

German "Boloney"

That was the comment of an Irish street paver, stopping for a moment to exchange greeting with a policeman. And the policeman's answer was no less characteristic.

"The Germans claim to be shootin' down three for one—boloney! Hell, they're gettin' the pants kicked off 'em. If it goes on like this for another week or two the war'll all be over."

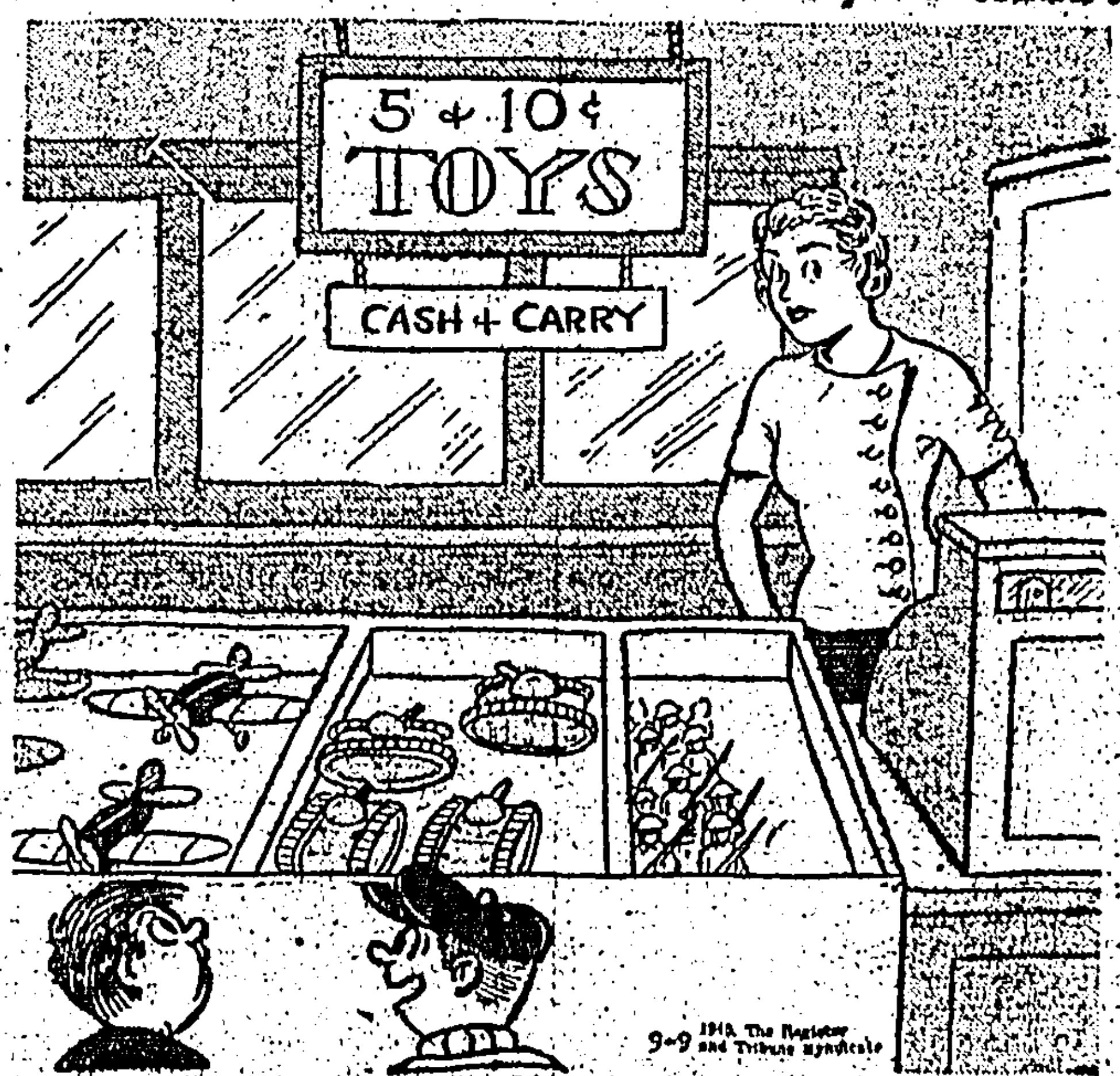
Opinion is not very different among the better educated people, who, with more knowledge than the man in the street can possess, are able to make ripper judgment. They, too, are coming to believe more and more confidently in Great Britain's power to withstand the German attacks; but they do not in general believe that the war because of that will be quickly over. There is some feeling among these people now that what is going on at present is, as a well-known aircraft designer said "the main bout" and not merely the preliminary, however violent, to a land invasion; but this is not the universal feeling—not yet at any rate. One feeling, however, is well-nigh universal among those who have been following the raids in every detail, and that is that the Germans are rapidly reducing their first-class air personnel.

WINS MEDAL

Among Naval decorations announced is the award of the D.S.C. to a midshipman Anthony David Corkhill, of H.M.S. Devonshire. The medal is for gallantry and coolness in action against heavy odds off Norway.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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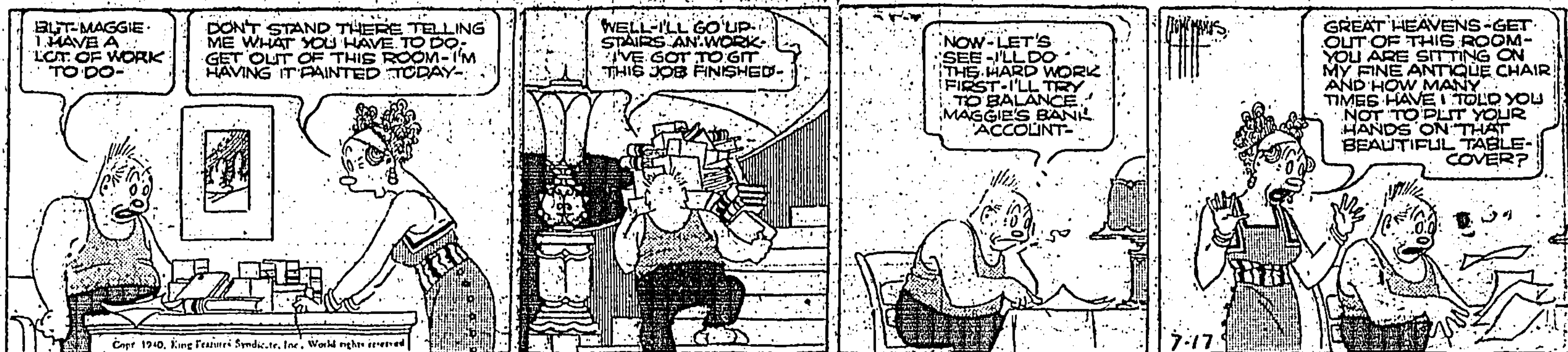
And Mrs. M. Butchart, of Toronto, says this: "Baby's Own Tablets are excellent for bottle-fed babies as they assist in digesting foods which cause indigestion. Baby's Own Tablets are equally effective in diarrhoea, simple croup, colic, colds, fever and teething trouble, also to expel worms. Sweet-tasting, easy to take, safe for the most delicate baby."

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clothes, Make-Up And Mannerisms

Dress, make-up and mannerisms, fashion the various types of women—that is the theme of a novel show at the New York World's Fair. Sixteen girls were chosen from ordinary walks of life and were refashioned to portray certain roles of womanhood. A modern farmer's wife, a suburban mother, a sophisticated play girl, a sun-loving sportswoman and a doctor's wife were the ones that caught my attention.

There isn't a professional model in the group. Not one of them was born an "oomph" girl, yet each is a streamlined beauty wearing her clothes with a charming, convincing manner. One is amazed when told that one of these girls was a dowdy school teacher, another a soda clerk and still another a filing clerk. "Those charmers?" you question. "Well, tell me how it was done!"

Experts Had A Hand

Each individual "type" was so fashioned to complement the car she drives. For instance, the outdoor girl, with bare-knee fashions, drives a snappy sport roadster in which are thrown her tennis racket and golf clubs. Her play clothes are casual and so are her make-up and coiffure. She has a friendly personality and looks as if she lived under the sun most of the day.

Whereas the doctor's wife is more dignified—wearing a long white dinner dress and gay red silk shawl. She must help her husband with his profession, so she must look and play the role of a gracious hostess and sympathetic friend. She drives a more expensive car for prestige. That girl in true life was an unattractive school teacher who had little idea how to dress attractively or use make-up to advantage.

Once the girls had been selected from the many who applied for the roles, they were given a personality analysis and sound style and make-up advice by a Fifth Avenue expert.

The next step was training. They were taught how to walk in



The Farmer's Wife Goes to Town: This is the wife of summer, 1940, dressed to enhance her charms and increase her comfort while she drives into town to shop or pauses for tea. It's one of the costumes shown in a unique fashion show at the New York World's Fair.

good posture and with easy grace, how to talk with a smile. Long hours were spent on make-up instruction for individual types. For instance, the alert secretary must

wear her cosmetics lightly applied, while the gregarious matron may use it more liberally when she is going to a party.

Appropriate and smart hair styling made almost miraculous changes in the girls' appearances. All the cuts and coiffures were simple but keyed to the age of the girl and the shape of her face and the role she was playing.

Almost all the figures required changing. Waistlines were nipped, hips slimmed, bosoms lifted and legs and thighs streamlined.

It all sounds fantastic but a few weeks—only three in some instances—were sufficient to transform otherwise very plain girls who didn't know how to dress, how to comb their hair, how to use make-up and how to go about acquiring pleasing figure curves!

The moral? If they could do it—all could become more beautiful if they put their minds to doing so!

times. This is strenuous at first; go at it slowly and you will soon master it.

Exercise 4: Get down on hands and knees. Swing right knee back to chest, then extend right leg out straight as high as you can in back of you with heel of foot pointing instead of toe pointing. Repeat four times without placing knee on mat. Rest. Repeat exercise with left leg while resting on right knee. Do this 16 times in all.

Keep Hips Slim

The overweights are not the only guilty ones when it comes to heavy hips. Many women who are otherwise slender in their measurements could be called "hippy." Broad hips or rolling hips usually come from inactivity. Diet can keep the body to normal weight but only exercise can keep the body normally proportioned. Girls and women who sit a great deal during the days and evenings should adopt an exercise routine which would keep the hip measurement under control.

It has been said that the average woman sits two-thirds of her day. That is alarming. If you find yourself doing that, take to inventing activity for yourself—walk upstairs instead of taking the lift, dance if only to the radio by yourself, walk to and from your home when you go on an errand, stoop to pick up things which are on the floor. Stoop through the thighs by bending your knees instead of bending your body from the waist. Then go through the following routine, without fail, every day for one month. By that time you will be more slender and you will want to get out and

walk or to be active in doing things instead of sitting the entire day.

Four Excellent Exercises

Exercise 1: Lie on right side with right arm under head. Place left hand in front of body to hold balance. Pull right knee up to chest. As you extend right knee downward, pull left knee up to chest. Alternate eight times. Turn on left side and repeat exercise. Do this not more than 32 times in all.

Exercise 2: Sitting position on mat. Hands placed on mat just in back of hips. Pull both knees up to chest and swing knees from right side to left side, touching floor on each side if possible. Allow yourself to travel down the mat as you swing. Rest after 12 times. Repeat 36 times in all.

Exercise 3: Lie on face. Grasp right ankle with right hand. Extend left arm straight out over head. Roll over on left side. Pull right leg backward raising right hip very high. Roll back on face. Repeat four times in rhythm. Then clasp left ankle with left hand and repeat exercise four

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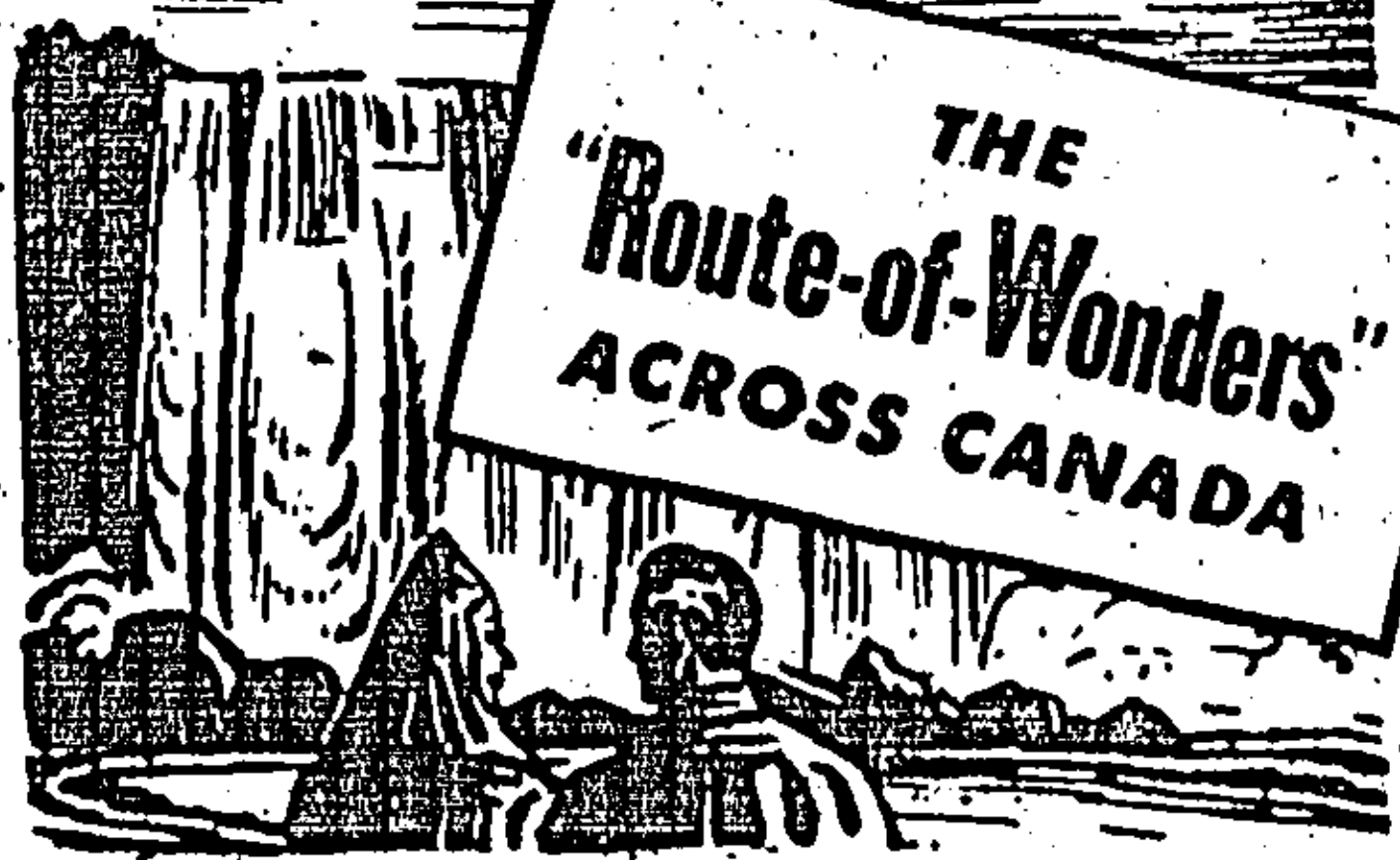
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12.30 p.m.—Webster Booth and De Groot's Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.02 p.m.—A.B.C. Recording—"Flying High"—Part.
1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.45 p.m.—A Welsh Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Variety, with Elsie Carlisle, Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins, and The Street Singer.
6.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.35 p.m.—Compositions of Friml.
7.00 p.m.—Compositions of Schumann.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
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8.50 p.m.—Songs by Hildegard.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.30 p.m.—Scarlatti—The Good Humoured Ladies' Ballet Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—Selections from Rossini's Operas.
10.10 p.m.—Mozart—10 Variations in G Major. Lilli Kraus (Piano).
10.25 p.m.—Raymond Newell and Albert Sandler's Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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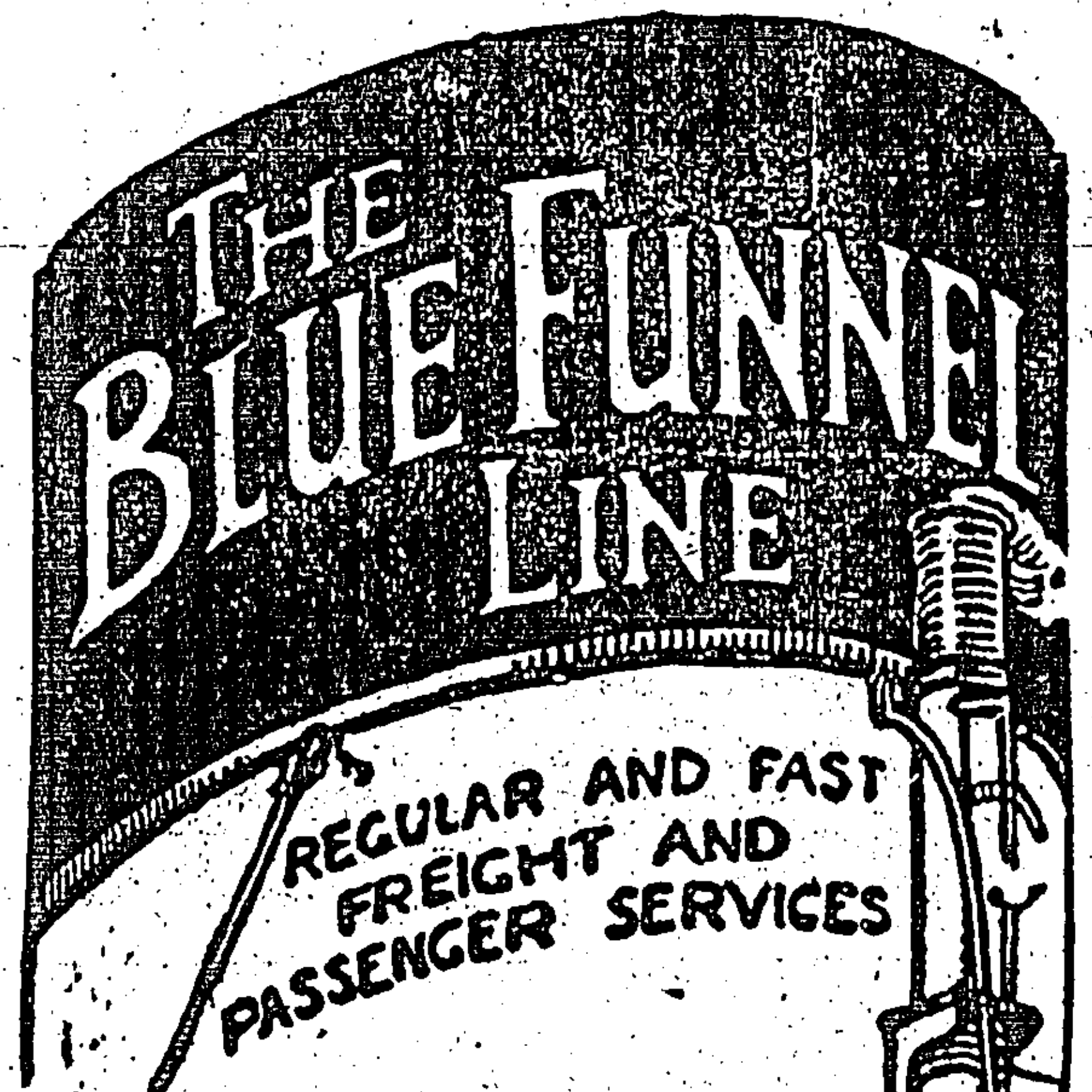
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The vessel, which is the latest and most modern addition to the Butterfield and Swire fleet, has just completed its maiden round trip voyage between Hong Kong and Shanghai. Her tonnage is 2,864 tons and she is capable of a speed of twelve-and-half knots, while her passenger accommodation is the last word in excellence.

The cabins, both single and double, are fitted with roomy wardrobes, hot and cold water system, ice-water containers, handy shelves and in fact, everything which constitutes a liner stateroom in miniature. Perhaps the most important individual improvement designed for the comfort of passengers, is the installation of the thermo tank system, which supplies air currents to all parts of the ship and replaces the old fashioned electric fans.

In more northerly latitudes, this air can be heated and cabins and common rooms kept thoroughly warm against weather vagaries. The dining saloon and lounge are gaily finished and fitted throughout with modernistic furniture.

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BAN ON "GUILTY MEN" LIFTED

WHEN A JOURNALIST on the staff of the "News-Chronicle" attempted to take the book, "Guilty Men," to the Isle of Man he was stopped from doing so and the book was taken from him.

He published these facts later — and — by a strange coincidence — permission was given at the airport for travellers to take the book out of the country.

"Not, of course, as a result of the article," an official of the Chief Postal Censor's office hastened to assure a reporter. "It merely happens that the Press and Censorship Bureau had just reached a decision on the book."

An official of the Ministry of Information said that the book was referred to the Press and Censorship Bureau for consideration.

On the same day a reply was given that there was no reason why the book should not go out of the country.

That reply would be in the hands of the Chief Postal Censor's department the day before the book was held up at the airport.

The official who took the book from the journalist said that he did so under the Control of Communications Order (No. 5), dated July 6, 1940.

This regulation, issued by Mr. Duff Cooper's Ministry of Information, increased the powers of port officials over travellers carrying newspapers, books, maps, drawings and other documents, goods or commodities.

"Guilty Men" is a slashing indictment by "Cato" of Cabinet Ministers who, in his opinion, had

of reheat design, driving a single screw and supplied with steam from two multi-tubular marine boilers fitted with "Nemeco" superheaters, and working under Howden's system of forced draught.—Reuter.

been responsible for bringing Britain to the verge of military impotence.

Certain political writings are barred at the ports, it was stated at the Postal Censor's Office, and the responsible officials, Customs, immigration and field security officers have a list of these. "Guilty Men" was never on the list.

Try, Try Again

A representative of the Travellers' Censorship Office in Liverpool said that special permission would be needed to take certain books abroad which are on the prohibited list.

In Government departments in London there was strong disinclination to agree that they had any say in the administration of the Control of Communication regulations.

The Home Office said it was a matter for the Ministry of Information or the Customs and Excise officials.

The Ministry of Information referred a reporter to the Post Office, the Customs passed him to their War Division, who advised him to try the Home Office.

Another inquiry at the Ministry of Information yielded the answer that the reporter should try the Home Office.

If that was not the right place—"try Travellers' Censorship and ask for Major Gompertz."

When the reporter did so, he was told that if he meant Brigadier-General Gompertz, he had left that department.

The proper person to consult was the Chief Postal Censor at Aintree, Lancashire.

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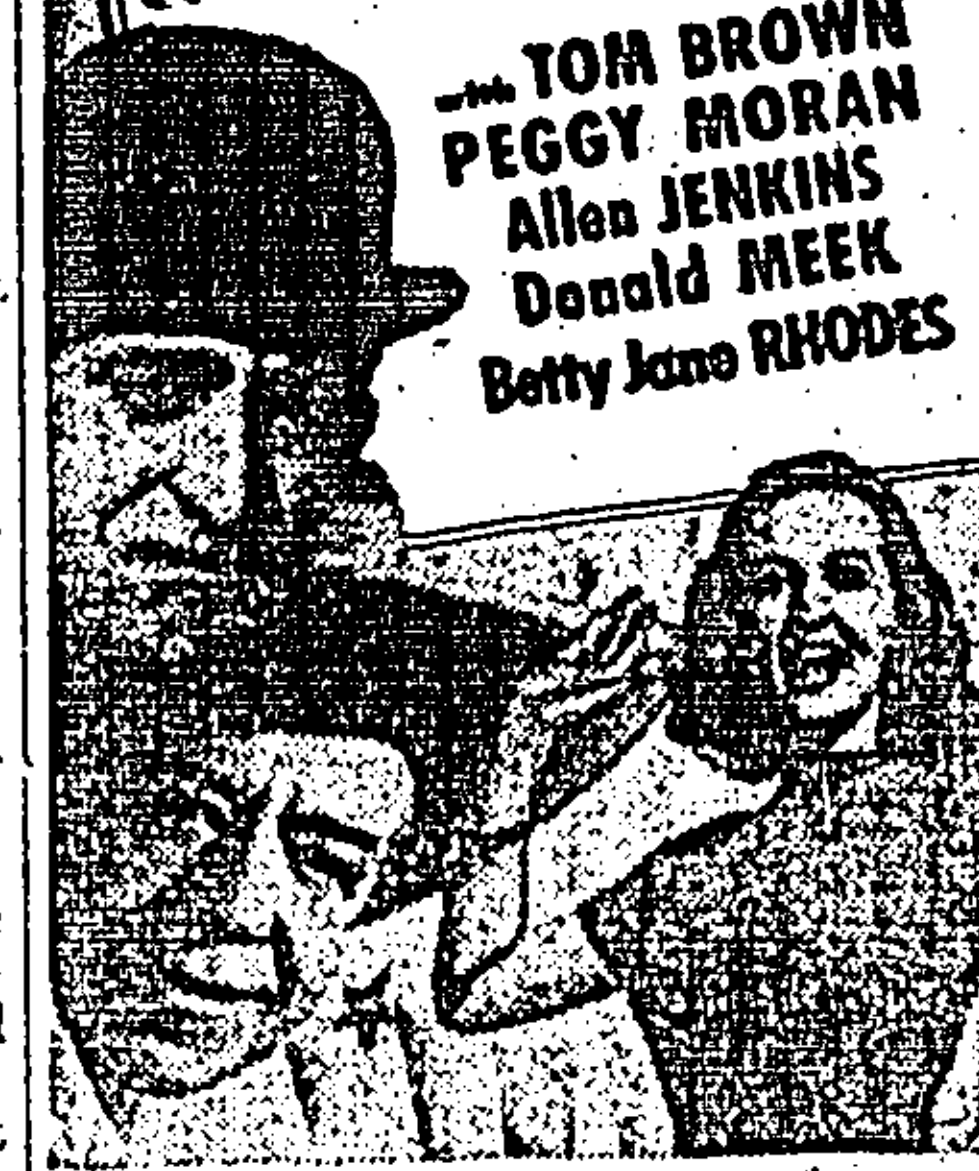
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'Grandstand' Advocates An Exam For Would-Be Softball Umpires

Unsatisfactory Officials In Women's League

Two Divisions Are Possible In The Men's League

BREAKING INTO ITS fourth year, the local softball season officially commenced at a meeting held at the Filipino Club last week, when officers for the year were elected.

Increasing popularity of this sport has been shown by the application of several new teams for permission to join the League this year, whilst at least two teams which have participated in inter-league tournaments, intend to make similar applications, and it is envisaged that at least 20 teams will be registered in the Men's League.

Last year's sixteen team loop, which only permitted one round being played off, did not prove altogether satisfactory as many of the teams did not come up to certain standards, with the result that most of the games were rather one-sided.

Bearing this in mind, and in view of the larger number of entrants, it is possible that a Senior and Junior League may be organised; however, nothing will be done until all entries have been received.

At the meeting, a startling revelation was made. Certain teams were found to be in arrears with regard to their entrance fees for last year, although how this could happen is a mystery, especially when one of the conditions was that all fees must be fully paid in advance.

New Condition

A new condition of registration was also made, which would provide a check on Volunteers away on exercises.

In future Corps unit of all Volunteers must be given at the time of their registration.

This step has been found necessary, as in the past certain teams have postponed games when only one of their players has been away. The conditions of postponement states that at least three members of the team must be so affected.

Central British Association and the Club de Recreio have again kindly placed their ground at the disposal of the League, and there is also the possibility of Kowloon Football ground being granted for use of the Ladies' League.

It is earnestly hoped that the League Committee will do something about the "Umpire" question, which has been neglected for so long. The umpires, especially those in the Ladies' League, have always been a source of complaint, often being picked out from the spectators.

Ignorance Spoils Games

Whilst appreciating the cooperation of these helpful gentlemen, it must be admitted that their

ignorance of the rules spoils the game too much for their assistance to be of any use, and ill-feeling has often been created.

One suggestion is for the League to hold an Umpire's class, and only those passing a written test will be qualified to officiate in any League game. Then only can the players be assured of having experts to umpire their games.

The umpires' class every year has been poorly supported, but if certificates of qualification are given, I am sure there will be more support.

Team Managers are reminded that entries close to-morrow, and a meeting will be held the day after for the discussion of various matters affecting the coming season.

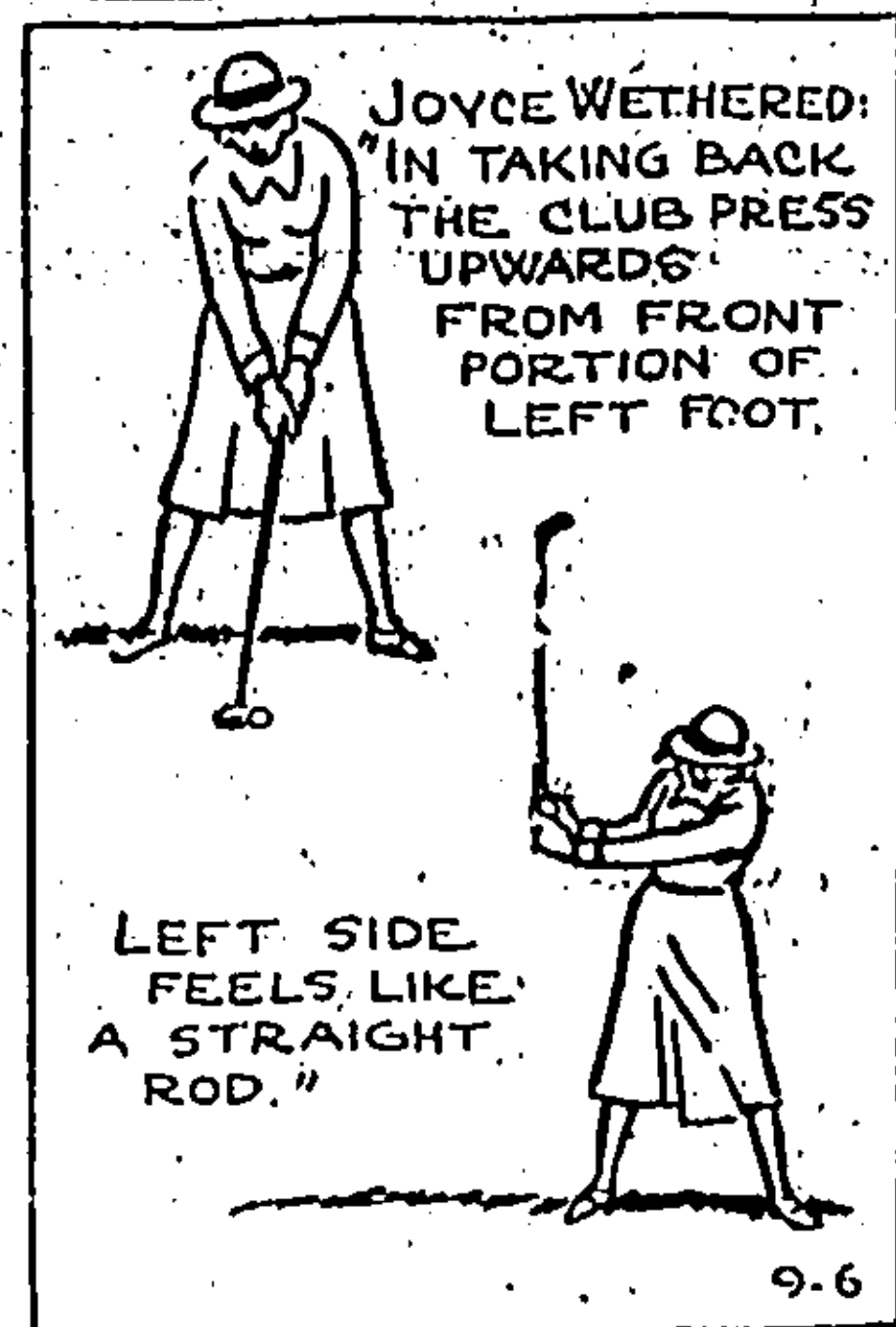
ARMY TENNIS

In the Semi-Final of the Army Tennis Open Doubles tournament played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat L/Cpl. Shaw and Sp. Elsiey of Royal Engineers, by 7-5, 7-5.

Also in the Third Round matches of the same tournament, S/Sgt. Adlam and Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

S/Sgt. Emerson (R.A.O.C.) beat Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) in the Fourth Round matches of the Army Tennis Open Singles Tournament, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

GRAPHIC GOLF



A Firm Left Side

By BEST BALL
The best swing in golf; that's the way Bobby Jones described Joyce Wethered's game, whose backstroke is illustrated above. Her stance is characterised by firmness to prevent too much body movement. Yet her pivot is smooth and complete. For a long time she practiced turning from left to right and vice versa, often-times with no club in her hands until the idea became muscle memory perfect.

"In taking back the club press upwards from the front portion of the left foot," is Miss Wethered's advice to golfers, "until the left side feels like a straight rod right up to the left shoulder. This tension between shoulder and foot gives firmness to left side." Care must be taken, suggests the former English champion, that the left shoulder does not rise. It must resist the pressure brought on by this upward push. Miss Wethered has divided the backswing movement into a few separate categories. The first step is the halfway mark in the backstroke above. Too many movements tend to obscure the real objective; that of hitting the ball.
Next Article:—Keep Position Constant During Stroke.

POLISHED BASEBALL DISPLAY BY MOHAWKS

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING A brand of baseball that would have beaten any team in the local League, bar none, the Stanley Mohawks massacred the South China nine in a friendly tilt on Saturday by a 12-2 verdict.

Those who were not at Caroline Hill last Saturday missed a treat which will not be repeated for some time—at least not this year, as this is probably the last baseball game for the season.

Woods worked on the mound for the Mohawks, and went the whole route. Although only whiffing two and allowing four passes, he pitched a no hit, no run, no error game for four innings.

Harry Chin's single in the fifth gave the Chinese their first marker. Their only other run was made, also in the fifth, when first-sacker, Kenyon, dropped the pill to let Wong score with two out. This was the only Mohawk bobbie.

Started Well

The South China squad started well with Lau on the hillcock, and held the Mohawks scoreless in the first two frames. Then came the disastrous third, when Romeo Ma booted to allow Wood to make first. Two successive Annie Oaks leys choked the bases with Mohawks. Lau showed signs of cracking up and Walters clouted his next offering to score Morgan and Chase. Two more passes to first had the sacks soused again, and three more Mohawks rambled over

the plate on Rogers' double. Lau was then yanked in favour of Bill Chang who took over mound duties, but the damage was done.

Nine Mohawk runs came in during that hectic inning. In the fifth and the sixth the Stanley Mohawks chalked up three more runs to total 12 for the whole game. Chase took batting honours with his two blows in two trips to the plate, whilst Morgan's three-bagger was the longest hit of the day.

Although Kenyon committed the only error of the side, he was easily the most brilliant player on the field, and assisted in the only double-killing of the tussle, when he scooped up C. W. Wong's grounder three yards away from the first sack, and rifled the pellet down to Chase, napping Bob Low who was forced to second. The play was shot back in plenty of time before Wang reached first, completing the double-killing.

The play was so quick that for a minute the spectators didn't know what had happened.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Causaway Bay on Saturday Middlesex opened their soccer season with a fine win over Navy by 3-2. It was a very fast and keen game with lots of thrills and spills. The Navy where the first to score through a spot kick taken by Hendy, after Freshwater had handled the ball.

Association Football

This was soon equalised by Saw from the spot after a similar offence by Honywill, both penalties occurring in two minutes. Jackson who played in goal for the soldiers was outstanding and deserved full honours. Freshwater and Parker at back played well although Parker was a little erratic, and rather left Freshwater to cover up his mistakes. The halves were sound. Sheehan at right half being a hard worker. Both the wingers played good games and Coomer at outside-right scored a beautiful goal after Pearson had given him an opening from which he made no mistake.

Royal Scots were entertained by Eastern at Caroline Hill on Sunday, the latter emerging victors by 4 goals to 1. The Scots did not seem to play as well as in previous games and if it had not been for Duncan in goal the score would have been much larger. Fraser and Naysmith played their usual game and showed complete understanding of each other's play. Falconer at centre-half was the best of the pivot line and on many occasions broke up the opposing forwards' play. Hossack tried hard to get through but lacked support from his partners.

Middlesex juniors outclassed Navy juniors in a fast game at Causaway Bay on Saturday with a win of 3 goals to 1.

Revell and Bindon are a reliable pair of backs, although Revell will need a little more practice for League football; it was his first appearance in the League. The first half ended without score. The Middies forwards were much faster and fitter than their opponents. Heliadis on the left wing played a good game and scored one of his side's goals. McEachran is a clever schemer and distributes the ball well but Jennings was inclined to hang too far back and consequently when the ball was centred there was no one in the middle to receive it.

Royal Scots severely trounced Ordnance Corps to the tune of 8 goals to 1 in Second Division. Clark the Scots' goal-keeper had very little to do owing to his front men, Parnaby and Thompson, covering well and causing Ordnance much trouble. The Scots' halves played exceedingly well and gave their forwards plenty of well-timed passes. Crawford and Gibb were outstanding on the wings, passing the ball to their other forwards and wasting no time. Auld in the centre played well and scored four of the goals. Reynolds in the Ordnance goal played a fine game although eight goals were sent past him; he was poorly supported by his backs. Nicholl played well in the half line and tried hard to get his forwards going, whilst always dropping back to help out his defence.

Royal Air Force once again proved their worth by defeating the Service Corps, by five clear goals. The Airmen were far superior in all positions and took control of the game from the start. Reid was the best player on the losers' side and stopped the Airmen from getting a much larger score. The Sappers on the Club ground ran amok to win by 9 goals to 1 against the Club Juniors, which puts them on top of Second Division although it is rather early in the season to draw any conclusions.

Fox, the Army and Interport players, scored no less than five times and played the best game on the field. Pelham his inside-left scored three and Li Wai-lain scored the odd one.

Signals met International Football Club at Happy Valley and shared the spoils, both sides scoring two each. Both teams played good football, and if the Signals had not slackened off during the last few minutes of the game, they might have left the field with both points. Brackenbury did not play as well as usual, but managed to score one for his side. Parry, the inside-right, played a sound game and with his partner, Digman, displayed good combination, being the main trouble to the Internationals.

To-day the Signals are playing the Kumaon Rifles at Happy Valley in a friendly match, getting tuned up for the Small Units knock-out competition.

At the Army Emergency Committee meeting held last Thursday the draw for the Small Units knock-out competition was made and resulted as below. The first matches to be played off before the 21st October, 1940.

First Round:— 12th Hvy Bty v B Coy 1/Middlesex R.; D Coy 1/Middlesex v HQ Coy 2/R. Scots; C Coy 1/Middlesex v A Coy 2/R. Scots; 35 (M) CD Bty v 27 (F) Coy R.E.s; A Coy 1/Middlesex v H.K. Coy C.M.P.; D Coy 2/R. Scots v H.K. Signal Coy, R.C. Signals; R.A.F. v 7th A.A. Bty R.A.; B Coy 2/R. Scots v 27 Coy, R.A.M.C.; C Coy 2/R. Scots v 30th Hvy Bty R.A.

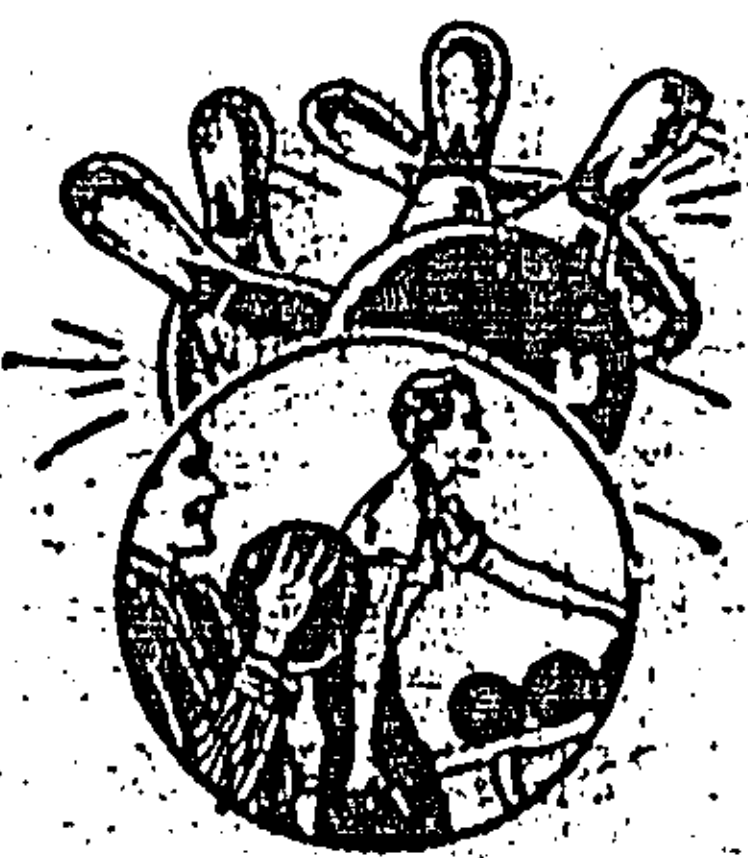
Second Round:— 40 (F) Coy R.E.s v HQ Coy 1/Middlesex R.; 36th Hvy Bty v 20th Hvy Bty; 12 Coy R.A.S.C. v C Coy R. Scots or 30th Hvy Bty, R.A.; 6 Section R.A.O.C. v 24th Hvy Bty.

The second round must be completed by Monday, November 11th; the third round by the 25th November; the Semi-finals by December 15th; and the Finals will be decided at a date to be fixed later.

It is proposed to ask the General Officer Commanding to present the prizes to the winners and runners up.

Cricket. IN their first two matches of the season the Engineers registered two wins. The first they defeated the Medicos by 56 runs. The Engineers batted first and scored 138 for 8 dec. Cpl. Hawkins did not bat. Sappers Ratcliffe, Tropp and L/Cpl. Shaw all batted well, and between them made 74 runs. Ratcliffe took 7 wickets for 40 runs and Lowe took 2 for 17.

Against the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. the Sappers got a shock when they were all out for 78 runs, and at the ten-interval the Gunners were 60 for four and looked like walking away with the game.
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Volunteer Lawn Bowls Competition Starts Next Week

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OVER 30 TEAMS TO TAKE PART?

LAWN BOWLERS WITHIN THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WILL HAVE YET ANOTHER COMPETITION WITH WHICH TO WIND UP THE SEASON.

At a meeting of Unit representatives held yesterday at Volunteer Headquarters under the chairmanship of Capt. A. W. Brown, of No. 2 Company, it was decided that a competition on knock-out lines would be held at an early date.

In introducing the scheme Capt. Brown said that the meeting had probably all seen the scheme outlined in the "China Mail" the previous Friday, followed by the notice in Corps orders the following day. It was, thought Capt. Brown, a very good idea. There were many lawn bowlers within the Corps, he continued, and there should be considerable interest.

Greatest factor, competition between units of the Corps was a very good thing.

The question of greens was next gone into and Mr. J. G. Meyer, who was elected Hon. Secretary, assured the meeting that there would be no difficulty in this respect. Mr. Meyer said that he was fairly certain of being able to secure almost 16 greens on any Sunday.

The original scheme called for two rinks from each unit but, as some of the smaller units were desirous of preserving their entity, it was decided that units could enter as many teams of one rink as they desired—more or less on the lines of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup competition.

Trophy Offered

Capt. Brown, on behalf of the Corps, gratefully accepted the offer of a challenge cup which was made by the "China Mail" and it was decided that the competition should be known as the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Competition for the "China Mail" Cup.

On the proposal of Mr. Meyer, it was decided that a charge of \$5 per rink would be made, proceeds to be given to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund. Entries will close on Friday week and the first round will be played on Sunday week, the 13th. inst. It is estimated that not less than 32 teams will be taking part. The following sub-committee was appointed to go into the various aspects of the competition:—Capt. A. W. Brown (Chairman), Sgt. J. G. Meyer, Sgt. M. N. Rakusen and Pte. H. A. Alves.

OPEN SINGLES RESULTS

Following were the results of games played in the Third Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship.

At Police R.C.
W. J. Howard defeated W. R. Hillier 21-15.

At Kowloon F.C.
H. White beat F. X. da Silva 21-10.

At Kowloon Cricket Club
E. C. Fincher beat R. Bass 21-13.

At Kowloon B.G.
W. Gill beat C. C. Pereira 21-19.

ROYAL SCOTS GALA

Royal Scots will hold a swimming gala to-morrow at 7 p.m. when a five-a-side water-polo tournament on the knock-out basis between six teams will be included in the programme. The six teams are Royal Air Force, Middlesex, a naval team, Royal Corps of Signals and two from Royal Scots.

There is also an invitation relay race to which the Volunteers have been invited.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The Hong Kong Rifle Association will open its 1940-41 season with a shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday next, commencing at 8.45 a.m. The practices will be at 200, 300 and 600 yards, with one sighter and seven shots to count at each range. Only S.R. (A) rifles will be allowed.

MANILA PREPARES

The first of the three swimming tryouts to select the members of the Philippine swimming contingent which will participate in the first Manila-Hong Kong interport swimming meet will start on Sunday at the Rizal Memorial Natatorium. The meet will be held on Oct. 23, 24 and 25 in Hong Kong states the "Manila Bulletin" in their issue of Thursday last.

The tryouts will be open to all swimmers, but all local institutions which have swimming teams will be asked to enter candidates. The Philippine team will be composed of 14 men swimmers and 8 women splashers. The local team is scheduled to sail from Manila on October 19 and will return on October 28. Since the swimming meet will take place during semestral vacation, swimmers in the various schools and colleges will be able to make the trip.

Crack Swimmers

Judging from the results of the N.C.A.A. (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and the P.A.A.F. (Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation) swimming meets, the local team will be represented by a crack array of youthful swimmers.

Two championships will be held in Hong Kong, one for men and another for women. There will also be a 3-metre spring board diving competition which will be held in connection with the meet. The men's events are: 110, 220 and 440 yards free-style, 100 and 200 yards breast-stroke, 100 and 200 yards back-stroke, 4 x 100 yards relay and a 3 x 100 yards medley relay.

The women's events will consist of 50 and 100 yards free-style, 50 and 100 yards breast-stroke, 50 and 100 yards back-stroke, 4 x 50 yards relay and 3 x 50 yards medley relay.

Hong Kong officials have suggested the inclusion of two more events in the men's programme, the 50-yard free-style and the

ILDEFONSO COMING HERE

It was learned yesterday that Deofilo Ildefonso, nephew of Mr. L. R. Ildefonso of Hong Kong will probably be coming here with the Manila Interport swimming contingent, due to arrive next month for the swimming Interport. Young Ildefonso came third in the World Olympics at Berlin in 1932 in the 200 metres breast-stroke event, and took third at the world meeting at Los Angeles in 1936. He has consistently won the event in Far Eastern Olympiads.

INTERPORT SWIMMING TRIALS

A meeting of Club secretaries to discuss arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Interport swimming contest with Manila, was held at the Victoria Recreation Club.

It was decided that a trial for the 100 yards back-stroke event be held to-morrow, and it was stated that W. Lawrence would probably be taking part in the trial.

Miss Sai Wai-ying and Miss Lee Po-luen have entered for the 50 yards back-stroke and breast-stroke respectively.

Mr. A. O. Barretto said the conditions of the visit were that Manila were to pay their own passages and Hong Kong were to bear all other expenses. The gate was to go to the Victoria Recreation Club.

The trials will be held to-morrow at 6 p.m. and an admission charge of 20 cents will be made. The money to be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Following are the events for to-morrow's trial.

MEN'S
100 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Breast-Stroke.
WOMEN'S
50 Yards Back-Stroke.
50 Yards Breast-Stroke.

150-yard medley (individual). No definite arrangement has been made regarding the inclusion of these events.

Tryouts will also be held on October 3 and October 6.

NEW DEVICE FOR TIMING ON TRACK

AN ELECTRIC TIMER and place picker for track meets has been invented and placed into use in Fresno State College's Ratcliffe stadium, scene of the annual West Coast Relays and of this year's 52nd National A. A. U. Championship, writes Robert Fahs, U.P. Staff Correspondent.

The unique mechanical device was built by H. C. Burbridge, head of the physics department of Fresno State College. The invention was introduced during the California Collegiate Athletic Association track and field championships in Fresno.

Burbridge said the device was constructed as a finishing gate for the 100-yard and 220-yard track events. It was built to time each man finishing a race to the exact 1/100 of a second.

Rods Are Shoulders High

The invention consists of an overhead apparatus with bamboo rods hanging down to mark each lane. The rods are about shoulder high, or the normal height of the finishing tape. Across the pair of rods for each lane is stretched a thread-like metal wire connected to a delicate electric switch. When the wire is broken, the timing device stops.

The device is put into operation when a wire attachment on the starter's gun closes an electric circuit at the instant the starting shot is fired.

Burbridge said the finishing gate was made by putting together well known and comparatively simple electrical parts and can be constructed for about one-fifth the cost of timers involving photo electric cells. He said he planned to patent the invention and could construct units at a maximum of \$300.

During the first use of the invention at the CCAA meet, runners had a tendency to duck as they went under the finishing gate, but it was believed greater use of the gate would eliminate any such tendencies.

Accuracy Is Already Tested

"The accuracy of the device," Burbridge said, "was indicated at the CCAA meet in which two men in the 220-yard low hurdle race had times within 4/100s of a second of each other. This difference indicated the faster man was a few inches ahead of the next man, which was exactly the way the judges found it."

"The device," he said, "is somewhat revolutionary because track records now in existence will be slowed down 1/10 of a second in some cases if the electric timer is used in place of the human timekeeper."

"Psychologists have shown from a wide series of tests that if an individual receives through sight or hearing an impression calling for action, it requires about 1/10 of a second for him to make the required motions. If we add to this delay the natural tendency of

the timekeeper to give the runner every advantage in the hope of making better records, it is readily evident errors must appear in timing short runs."

Burbridge said the device also would have advantages in training track athletes since the coach may supervise the starting form of his runners and use the machine to time each man exactly.



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

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HOCKEY is once again getting into swing and last Friday the Engineers met the Police in a friendly match and defeated them 3 goals to nil. The goals being scored by—Taylor (4) Grosten (1) and Twomey (1).

At Shamshulpo on Monday H.Q. Company, Middlesex, beat H.Q. Company of the Royal Scots to the tune of 6 goals to nil. The Scots team was very weak owing to them having to field a football team as well.

To-morrow, at Shamshulpo the 5/6 Rajputana Rifles (officers) will play the rest of the garrison (officers) bully out 4.15 p.m.

At the Annual meeting of the Unit, Boxing representatives held last Saturday the following points were decided:—

The Individual Novices boxing competition to be held in abeyance; the Command Novices Inter-unit Championships to be held at the end of January or the beginning of February; the Command Open Inter-unit Individuals to be held in the first week in March, and the Command Inter-unit Team Championships to be held in the first week of April, 1941.

Rugby The Hong Kong Signals will play the Medicals in a friendly Rugby match to-morrow at Soekun-poo.

CLUB HOCKEY PRACTICE

Hong Kong Hockey Club held their first practice at King's Park yesterday. A second practice will be held on Friday. The first match of the season will be played next Tuesday against a Navy XI.

Players who turned out for the practice game yesterday were V. M. Benwell (Captain), B. I. Bickford, S. A. Fowler, E. R. A. Geminell, W. F. Gilbert, A. E. P. Guest, D. C. Highlands, B. M. Jordan, D. McLellan, E. V. Reed, W. A. Reed, D. Taylor and N. B. W. Whitley.

University Swimming

The Hong Kong University Swimming Club will hold its eighth annual inter-hostel aquatic sports at the European Y.M.C.A. on Saturday at 2 p.m.

AIR WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

Blenheims In Expedition Against Massawa

NAZI PILOT SHOOT HIS LEADER DOWN!

One of the strangest incidents of the present air war occurred over England on Monday when a German fighter was brought down by another German fighter in the same squadron.

A Group-Captain of the R.A.F. was flying escort 17,000 feet when he met 18 Nazi bombers, with a fighter escort above, over Surrey. He attacked the bombers head-on, turning them away.

He turned his attention to the fighters and found three of them attacking another Hurricane, which dived out of their reach.

The German fighters were strung out in a line after the British plane and as the British Group Captain was about to dive on them, the first Nazi fighter burst into flames.

Apparently the pilot of the second German fighter was so excited he shot his own leader down.

He did not last long. The R.A.F. Group Captain shot him down. — Reuter.

CONGO SHORTWAVE STATION

THE NEW BELGIAN CONGO SHORT-WAVE RADIO SERVICE WAS INAUGURATED LAST NIGHT BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, WHO READ A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MR. DUFF-COOPER, BRITISH MINISTER OF INFORMATION.

The service will include relays of British news services. — Reuter.

Six Italian Machines Destroyed

THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were definitely destroyed, two being blown up and another set afire, and other machines are believed to have been severely damaged, in a low-level attack by Blenheim aircraft on Massawa aerodrome, stated an R.A.F. communique in Cairo yesterday.

The aerodrome buildings were also attacked, two of them suffering direct hits.

On the homeward journey one flight of R.A.F. aircraft were intercepted by 15 fighters and in the ensuing engagement two enemy fighters were shot down and a third fell in flames. One Blenheim is missing.

A raid was carried out on Tobruk where a large fire was started among buildings on the foreshore. A ship in harbour is also believed to have received a direct hit.

Operating from the Sudan R.A.F. bombers raided Gura. In the target area a large flash occurred followed by heavy smoke and flames. One R.A.F. aircraft failed to return.

An enemy bomber attempted to raid Aden but was intercepted by our fighters and when last seen the enemy machine was belching black smoke from its port engine.

Railway Bombed

The railway of Culdehar, Italian East Africa, was attacked and a direct hit registered on the entrance to a tunnel while other bombs struck the concrete

facing leading to the tunnel and railway line.

Bombs were dropped on military quarters and a jetty at Berbera and some buildings were hit. — Reuter.

ITALIANS SINK ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP

ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP HAS BEEN SUNK BY THE ITALIANS.

On Saturday, it was learned in London yesterday, an Italian submarine sank the Spanish Monte Moncayo, of about 4,300 tons, off the coast of Sicily.

Four of the ship's crew were killed. — Reuter.

Previous Sinkings

It is recalled that on Sept. 19 the Spanish trawler Almirante Jose de Carranza was torpedoed and sunk by an Italian submarine with only one survivor. Yet another Spanish ship, the Cabo Tortosa (3,302 tons) was torpedoed and sunk with no survivors. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PRESSURE IN SYRIA

Reports are reaching Cairo of further far-reaching demands by the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria.

These seem to be directed towards giving Germany and Italy further holds on Syria.

They are reported to include authorisation for the return of many German propagandists; for the publication of an Italian newspaper in Beyrouth subject only to Italian censorship; for the publication of German and Italian war communiques in the local press; and permission for Germans and Italians to wear party-badges when they please and for them to resume organisation of youth movements. — Reuter.

KUNMING ALARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following the appearance of a single Japanese plane near Kunming at 7 a.m. yesterday, the air raid alarm in the city was sounded an hour afterwards and 27 bombers and pursuit aircraft were reported heading for the city from Indo-China.

The invading aircraft, however, failed to reach Kunming, but emptied their bomb racks around Kailan.

The "all clear" was sounded at 1 p.m.

STOP PRESS

The exceedingly rare, if not unprecedented, spectacle of the mid-harbour transfer of a crowded ferry, resulted this morning from an engine breakdown aboard the "Night Star."

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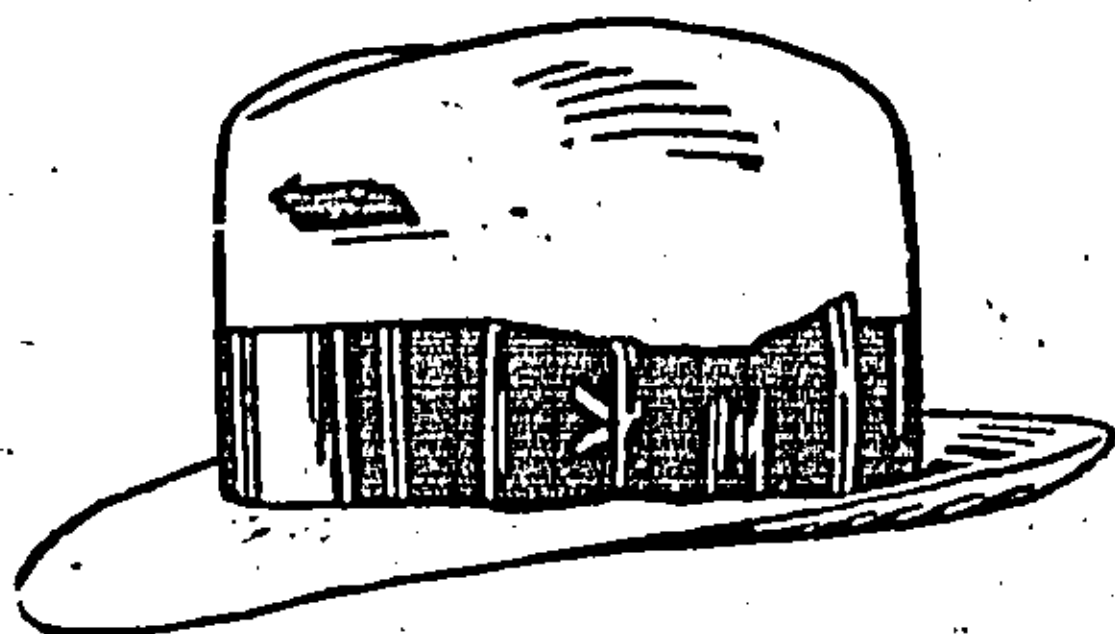
It is understood that the engineer aboard the "Night Star" repaired the defect shortly afterwards.

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, is leaving Shanghai to-day for Haiphong. — Central News.

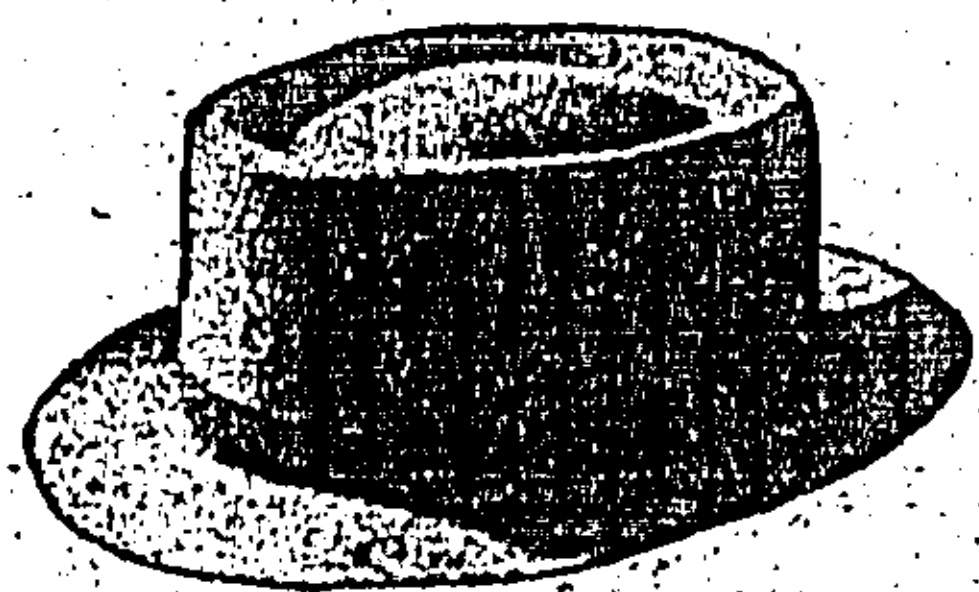
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SUSTAINED ATTACKS ON THE BERLIN AREA

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NO INITIATIVE BY ROOSEVELT ON JOHNSON ACT

At his press conference yesterday President Roosevelt said he expected to make no recommendation for relaxation of the Johnson Act, which prohibits loans to governments which have defaulted on debts to the United States. — **Reuter.**

SHANGHAI FLOODED

By Typhoon Downpour

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A typhoon passing near Shanghai brought a continuous downpour over the city yesterday and the northern port is suffering the worst flood in its history.

Since early in the morning rain fell unceasingly and with the incoming tide flooded districts in the central and western areas.

The floods brought trams and buses, which started to function normally yesterday morning after the personnel of the French tramways had been on strike for a week, to a standstill.

Many districts which had never before been flooded were under a foot of water, and rickshaws were doing a roaring trade, with many cars disabled. — **Havas.**

Residents Marooned

Reuter adds that sheets of rain riding a 60-kilometre an hour wind lashed Shanghai at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued to a late hour. The lower section of Rue de Consulat, main street in the French Concession, is inundated.

Most residents were marooned

STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. BOMBERS CARRIED OUT SUSTAINED ATTACKS IN THE BERLIN AREA AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT, AND OTHER FORCES OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT BOMBED A WIDE SERIES OF OBJECTIVES IN GERMANY AS WELL AS THE INVASION PORTS, WHICH RECEIVED THEIR USUAL NIGHTLY BLASTING.

Our 'planes attacked oil refineries at Leuna and Hanover, an aircraft factory at Rottenburg, a munitions factory near Magdeburg, goods yards and rail communications at Bremen, Ehrang, Osnabruck, Mannheim and Brussels, docks at Cuxhaven and Amsterdam, the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, and Le Havre and several enemy aerodromes.

In the course of these operations, an aircraft of the Bomber Command engaged and shot down an enemy aircraft into the sea.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command operating with the Fleet Air Arm attacked docks and petrol stores at Rotterdam and Blandingen, shipping and stores at Ostend and set fire to an oil dump at Hamstede aerodrome. Five of our aircraft are missing.

Berlin Raids

Describing the sustained attacks the Air Ministry news service states that the west power station in Berlin, badly damaged in previous raids, was clearly identified by flares and a few minutes after the first stick of bombs had fallen there was a large explosion and numerous fires.

Kliffenberg power station was also heavily bombed, while railways were hit and a factory (Continued on Page 16)

ed in their homes last evening without means of transportation to amusement spots, and some were marooned in their offices.

The regular news broadcast of Carroll Alcott, Shanghai's leading radio announcer, was kept off the air as the transformer room of Station XMHA was flooded.

Old timers describe the flood as the first in many years.

Bars, Cafes Under Water

Bars, cafes and night club were flooded, and three feet of water isolated the swanky French Club area. Residents in the fashionable Park Hotel, opposite the Race Course, were forced to make their way out precariously on narrow boards raised four feet off the street. Bus and tram traffic is virtually at a standstill.

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SIR ROBERT HADFIELD PASSES

Sir Robert Hadfield, the world-famous metallurgist who invented manganese steel, died in England yesterday. — **Reuter.**

POLISH SQUADRON PASSES 100

One of the Polish squadrons at present engaged in the Battle of Britain has so far shot down 109 German planes. — **Reuter.**

AUSTRALIAN AIR SQUADRONS FOR SINGAPORE

Announcing that a number of Australian Air Force squadrons were going to Malaya, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, said in Melbourne yesterday the units would not add to the present strength of the station but would relieve R.A.F. units needed elsewhere. — **Reuter.**

JAPANESE ADVANCE IN INDO-CHINA

The Japanese forces in northern Indo-China have reached Caopang, terminus of the new loop road through the mountains into Indo-China which the Chinese made last November after the Japanese had cut the main road by the capture of Nanning, in south-east China, it was stated in Chungking yesterday.

The Chinese forces in south-west Kwangsi are said to be preparing to meet a possible Japanese advance from the French colony into Kwangsi along the new highway.

The Chinese are intensifying the agitation for Britain to reopen the Burma road.

For the fourth day in succession all Chinese newspapers in Chungking yesterday printed leading articles urging the reopening of the road. — **Reuter.**

FAMILY OF FOUR BURNT IN FIRE

A Chinese family of four — husband, wife, and two children — were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital early this morning suffering for serious burns received in a fire which broke out in their flat shortly after midnight.

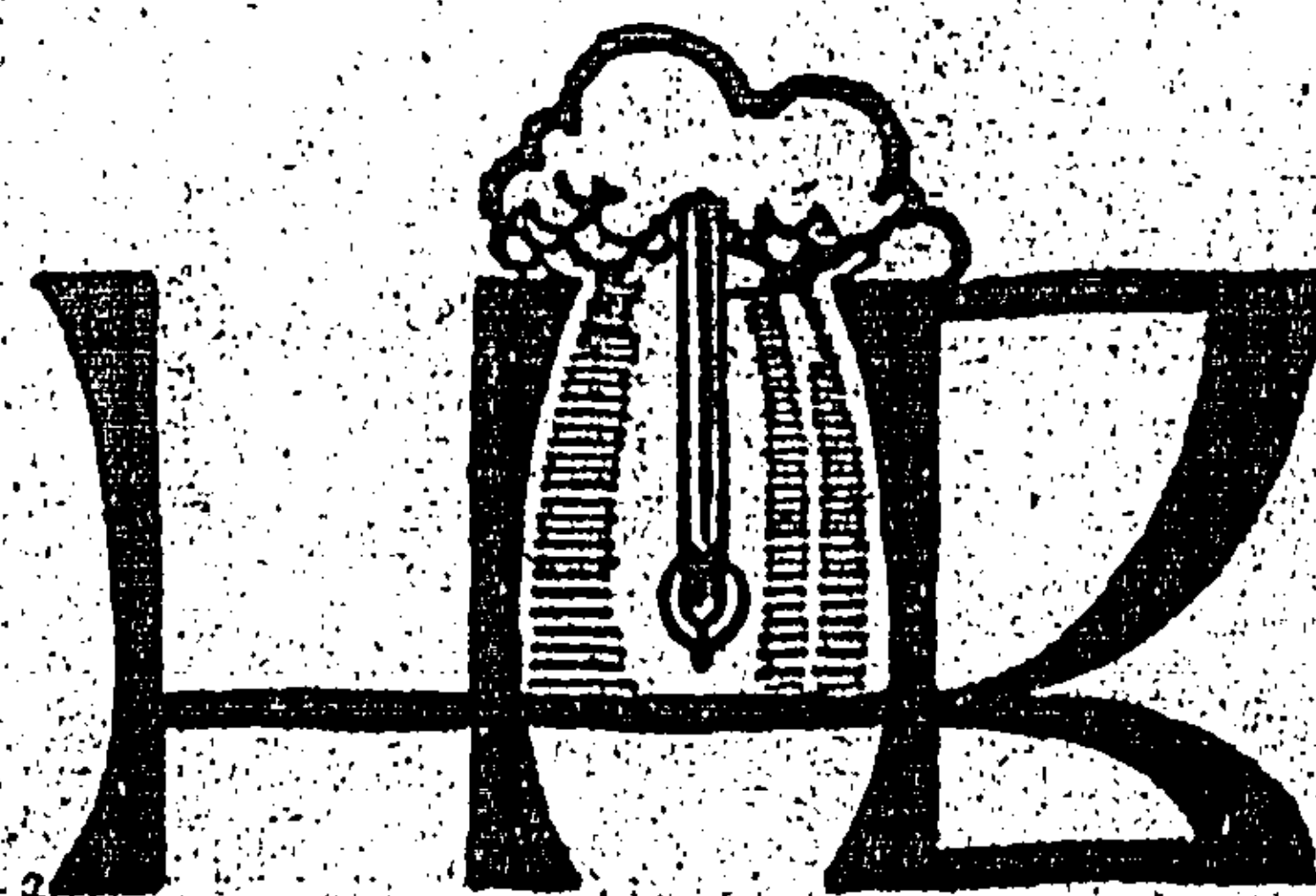
The injured resided on the top floor of No. 11, Peking Road which was badly damaged by the

NOTHING TO REPORT

There is nothing to report, said yesterday's Cairo communique. — **Reuter.**

Fire appliances from the Kowloon Terminus Fire Station extinguished the outbreak.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

COMPARATIVELY QUIET DAY OVER ENGLAND

BULGARIAN TROOPS TAKE OVER FINAL ZONE

Bulgarian troops yesterday marched into the final zone in southern Dobrudja, including Silistra and Kassum, without incident. The Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier of 1912 is thus restored. —Reuter.

COFFEE STALLS IN FAVOUR

Street coffee stalls, which were a feature of London night life before the war where all classes met in the early hours of the morning for plain and wholesome refreshment, have been called upon by the Minister of Food to play their part in the emergency feeding of Londoners affected by German air attacks.

Lord Woolton has asked coffee stalls proprietors who had gone out of business to come into existence again. He wished them to provide food for people in air raid shelters and said the Ministry would be glad to secure petrol and supplies of food for them and arrange which shelters to go to while protection would be given against air raid risk.

Lord Woolton also announced that to meet the needs of people in bombed London areas 58 emergency feeding centres had already been prepared and provision had been made for 200 centres to be brought into existence just as required. — British Wireless.

EIRE'S AREA CHIEF

Eire is to appoint area commissioners — similar to those appointed in England — who will have power to carry out the duties of Government in their districts in the event of an invasion.

Mr. Lemass, Eire Minister of Supply, revealed this in a broadcast to the Irish people.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY over Britain had three phases yesterday and these ventures cost them four 'planes — one in Surrey near Redhill which is believed to be the same machine which machine-gunned a train in a south-east London station, and three in Poole, Dorset, where a large formation of German 'planes was routed by fighters.

Guns in north-west, south-west and central London fired on a solitary raider which lost no time in making off. Bombs were dropped in a south-east London area during the afternoon's alert.

An Air Ministry communique says the enemy made several abortive attacks on the South of England.

For the most part his aircraft did not penetrate far inland and few reports of the dropping of bombs have been received.

A small number of aircraft reached London and dropped bombs. These caused several casualties, some fatal, and bombs were also dropped at a point near the Welsh coast, causing a small number of casualties.

While four enemy aircraft were shot down, three of our 'planes are missing.

YOUNG CHINA IN FIGHTING LINE

The sons of many Chinese Government leaders are serving in the forces.

The son of Oong Wan-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, is the pilot of a fighter machine which participated in three combats against Japanese aircraft over Chungking this summer. He was recently awarded \$300 for landing his machine safely though it had been badly damaged by machine-gun bullets.

The son of Mr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, took part in the Pingyang battle north of Nanning serving as a junior officer in the army.

The eldest son of General Chiang Kai-shek is commander of a local defence corps in Kiangsi, where he is serving as district superintendent. — Reuter.

NEW POST FOR EVANS OF 'BROKE'

Admiral Sir Edward Evans, famous for his exploit in H.M.S. Broke during the attack on Zeebrugge during the Great War, who is one of the London Regional Commissioners, has been given the special task of organising London shelter arrangements.

This appointment follows those of Sir H. Willink, organiser of provisional home for London homeless, and Sir Warren Fisher to co-ordinate the restoration of communications and tasks of demolition and salvage. — British Wireless.

MINISTER RUNS GAUNTLET

Fifteen times in three weeks Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Minister of Health, has run the gauntlet of air raids.

He usually visits control centres first to see officials at their posts, and then goes to A.R.P. posts, first aid posts, shelters, and food and rest centres for the homeless.

One night he was close to a church that was bombed. Another night he was in the midst of falling incendiary bombs and on another he got out at every station along the tube railway to see conditions for himself. — British Wireless.



Munitions making in Australia. Photo shows an operative filling bombs with T.N.T. The fluid sets hard and is then rammed. (Copyright, Fox).

DIED — RED TAPE HELD LIFEBOAT

For nearly an hour two boys, aged fifteen, clung desperately in the sea to a capsized canoe while discussions took place whether a lifeboat should go to their rescue without the Admiralty's consent. When help did arrive one of the boys was drowned.

So annoyed are the people of Rhyl at the failure of the local lifeboat to go out that a petition of protest is being sent to Mr. Gwilym Rowlands, M.P. for Flintshire, and the National Lifeboat Institution.

This was revealed at the inquest at Rhyl on William Edward Hughes, fifteen, shop assistant, of Westfield Road, Rhyl. The verdict was Accidental death.

The other boy, Ronald William Robinson, fifteen, of Marine Drive, Rhyl, stated that on July 15 he went out with Hughes in a canoe.

It was drifting out to sea, so they tried to turn and it overturned, throwing them into the water.

"We clung to the canoe for an hour," said Robinson. "Suddenly it sank and Hughes let go. I tried to save him, but I didn't see him again. A few minutes later I was picked up by a motor-boat."

Walter Henry Bolton, a Rhyl coastguard, said Rhyl police told him that the boys were in difficulties, but on looking through his telescope, he decided they were merely bathing.

He kept them under observation for five minutes, decided they were really in difficulties and telephoned Mr. Ernest Jones, secretary of the Rhyl Lifeboat Association, who said it was not possible for the boat to go out.

Later Mr. Jones suggested that a motor-boat should be sent. This was done.

Coroner's Criticism

Constable Cecil Williams, of Rhyl, said that after he phoned Bolton twice to send the lifeboat out, Bolton agreed to do so, but at 9.20 p.m. Bolton phoned back that he had cancelled the order as he had decided the boys were really not in difficulties.

Ernest Jones, of Bodfor Street, Rhyl, secretary of Rhyl Lifeboat Association, said: "In the ordinary way I would have ordered the lifeboat out, I didn't do so because it is now under the Admiralty's supervision."

"It is forbidden to fire maroons to summon the crew, so it would have taken about an hour to get them together."

The coroner, Mr. H. Llewelyn Jones, if there was a boat sinking, it would have a fine chance of being saved by your boat. Jones: Whether the boat goes out rests with me. I adapt myself to the conditions.

HILLSIDE MYSTERY

The body of an unidentified Chinese, believed to be that of a "boy" employed in the Bowen Road Military Hospital, was found on a hillside in Lo Wai Village, Tsun Wan District, New Territories, by villagers at eight o'clock last night.

There was a small cut on the throat but no sharp instrument was located anywhere near the body, at the side of which was a length of rope stretched out, and a rattan basket containing some clothing and a bottle of Chinese wine.

PIERRE COT TO BE VICTIMISED

M. PIERRE COT, FORMER FRENCH AIR MINISTER, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE RIOM "WAR GUILT" TRIBUNAL.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest and all his property has been seized.

M. Cot is at present in America. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE STEADY

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally steady with selected "Kassirs" responding to moderate buying. Japanese bonds were sharply lower while British Governments were inclined to improve after early dullness. Industrials maintained their level. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL HAS AUDIENCE

The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — British Wireless.



The Home Guard of Stroud, now have two well-armoured cars and an ambulance. Two residents gave high-powered cars which a local engineering firm armoured with the approved thickness of steel, free of charge. Other tradesmen and skilled members of the Home Guard assisted in the work, which resulted in the vehicles seen in picture. Photo shows members of the Stroud Home Guard at exercises with their armoured vehicles. (Copyright, Fox).

Grand Diplomatic Surprise?

ITALY PLAYING UP THE SUNER VISIT

THE ITALIAN PRESS and radio is making considerable play of Senor Suner's visit to Rome; says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent; indeed, there is an obvious attempt to suggest that a grand diplomatic surprise will be sprung upon the world within the next 24 hours.

WHETHER OR NOT SENOR SUNER WILL ACTUALLY SIGN ANY SPECIAL AGREEMENT IN ROME IS A MATTER OF SPECULATION BUT THE ODDS ARE STRONGLY AGAINST HIS SIGNING A FORMAL ACCESSION TO THE TRIPARTITE PACT.

ANOTHER CHECK ON U.S. WAR EXPORTS

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a proclamation requiring licences for the export of fire control instruments, military searchlights, aerial cameras and other types of military equipment containing optical elements. — Reuter.

AIR RAIDS VICTIMS' FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR-RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS £800,000. ONE OF THE LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS IS £5,000 FROM KENYA. Melbourne has sent £40,000 and Perth £4,000.

The Australian Red Cross has added to its gift of £25,000 last week to the British Red Cross a further sum of £5,000.

Another gift is a day's pay by all employees of the Alexandria Gas Company; most of them are Egyptians. — Reuter.

KING VISITS COLONIAL OFFICE

The King expressed deep satisfaction with the Colonies' war effort of which His Majesty was given a full account when he visited the Colonial Office yesterday.

His Majesty, who was wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, was met by Lord Lloyd, the Colonies Secretary. The visit took an hour. — Reuter.

DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

President Roosevelt, receiving a delegation of 20 military representatives from nine Latin American countries in Washington yesterday, declared: "We all have one common problem, namely the defence of the Americas."

"We have an expression which is common to all of the 21 Republics: one for all and all for one." — Reuter.

It seems very improbable that Spain would openly associate herself with an instrument so pointedly directed against the United States.

A prominent German newspaper hints that the talks in Rome will deal with Mediterranean problems, particularly Gibraltar.

With Il Duce For An Hour And A Half

According to the German News Agency correspondent in Rome, Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of the Interior, conferred with Mussolini for an hour and a half yesterday morning.

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, was present and afterwards gave a luncheon "to a small circle of friends in honour of Senor Suner," who, it is stated, will leave for Spain tomorrow. — Reuter.

"Foundations Of A New World Order"

On leaving German territory, it is announced in Rome, Count Ciano sent a telegram to Ribbentrop in which he declared his visit had been "connected with one of the most important and, for future history, significant acts resulting from German-Italian co-operation."

"The long-cherished political aim of our two great leaders has been realised by the alliance with the glorious Japanese nation."

In reply, Ribbentrop declared: "By the conclusion of the three-power pact we have laid the strong foundation of a new world order that cannot be shaken." — Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BELGIUM

BELGIUM'S UNEMPLOYED NOW TOTAL 460,000, AND MANY BELGIANS ARE BEING DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO EARN A LIVING.

The puppet Brussels radio yesterday reported that a party of 1,200 men and 200 women have left Amsterdam by train for Germany, where they will be given work. — Reuter.

REICH POTATOES FOR MOTOR SPIRIT

THE LATEST ORDER ISSUED IN GERMANY STATES THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE POTATO CROP IS TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR SPIRIT FOR THE ARMY.

People in the larger towns will have to register for a share in the rest. — Reuter.

SIKHS URGED TO INTENSIFY EFFORT

The All-India Sikh League has appealed to all Sikhs to intensify their war effort, especially by offering themselves for military service. — Reuter.



More schoolchildren from Greater London are leaving for the West-country. This picture shows three kiddies from Islington making a fast minute dash for the train. (Copyright, Fox).

JAPAN'S PART IN 'EPOCH-MAKING' AGREEMENT

COMMENTING ON THE Axis-Japan pact, the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" says that while an Axis declaration of war under the conditions of present air and sea warfare would be somewhat platonic help for Japan, America's entry into the war on England's side and a consequent Japanese declaration of war against America would be a serious aspect for the East Asiatic Empire.

The possible handing over of British fleet bases to the U.S.A. in East Asia and the increasingly severe sanctions begun to be used by Washington against Japan are reasons for anxiety in Japan which can scarcely be got rid of by the Berlin treaty.

Reverse Effect

If one of the objects of the new treaty of alliance thus can be thought to be to frighten the U.S.A. from any warlike intervention either in Europe or the Far East, by a threat to involve America in a two-front war, it remains to be seen if this combination of programmes of the European and Asiatic new order will not, more forcibly than anything else, bring home the meaninglessness of a continued isolationist policy.

In this event, the pact would have the effect, certainly not intended, of welding together the Anglo-Saxon nations even more in the common struggle of defence. — Reuter.

NOT THE SILENT SERVICE IN JAPAN

A "GRAND NAVAL REVIEW" COMMEMORATING THE 2,600TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, WILL BE HELD OFF YOKOHAMA ON OCTOBER 11, THE NAVY MINISTER ANNOUNCED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Director of Naval Publicity, stated: "Circumstances have doubled the important responsibilities of the Imperial Navy. The nation is facing an unprecedented emergency as it embarks upon the construction of a new order in Eastern Asia as well as in Europe in cooperation with Germany and Italy." — Reuter.

COURTESY —1940 MODEL

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, A STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN VICHY PRAISING THE "COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE IN SETTLING THE PROBLEMS OF THE HANOI AGREEMENT."

Reference is made to the "loyal collaboration" of the Japanese Government.

Vichy so far has not issued any statement to this effect but has left its publication to the German news agency.

Only a week ago, it may be recalled, the Vichy Foreign Minister was blaming the Japanese for over-hastiness which resulted in the fighting at Dongdang. — Reuter.

"JOYOUS NEWS" FOR NORWAY

CERTAIN QUANTITIES OF COAL AND ANTHRACITE HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN NORWAY FOR USE DURING THE WINTER, AND THE ACUTENESS OF THE NEED MAY BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE NORWEGIAN PRESS REFERS TO THIS AS "JOYOUS NEWS."

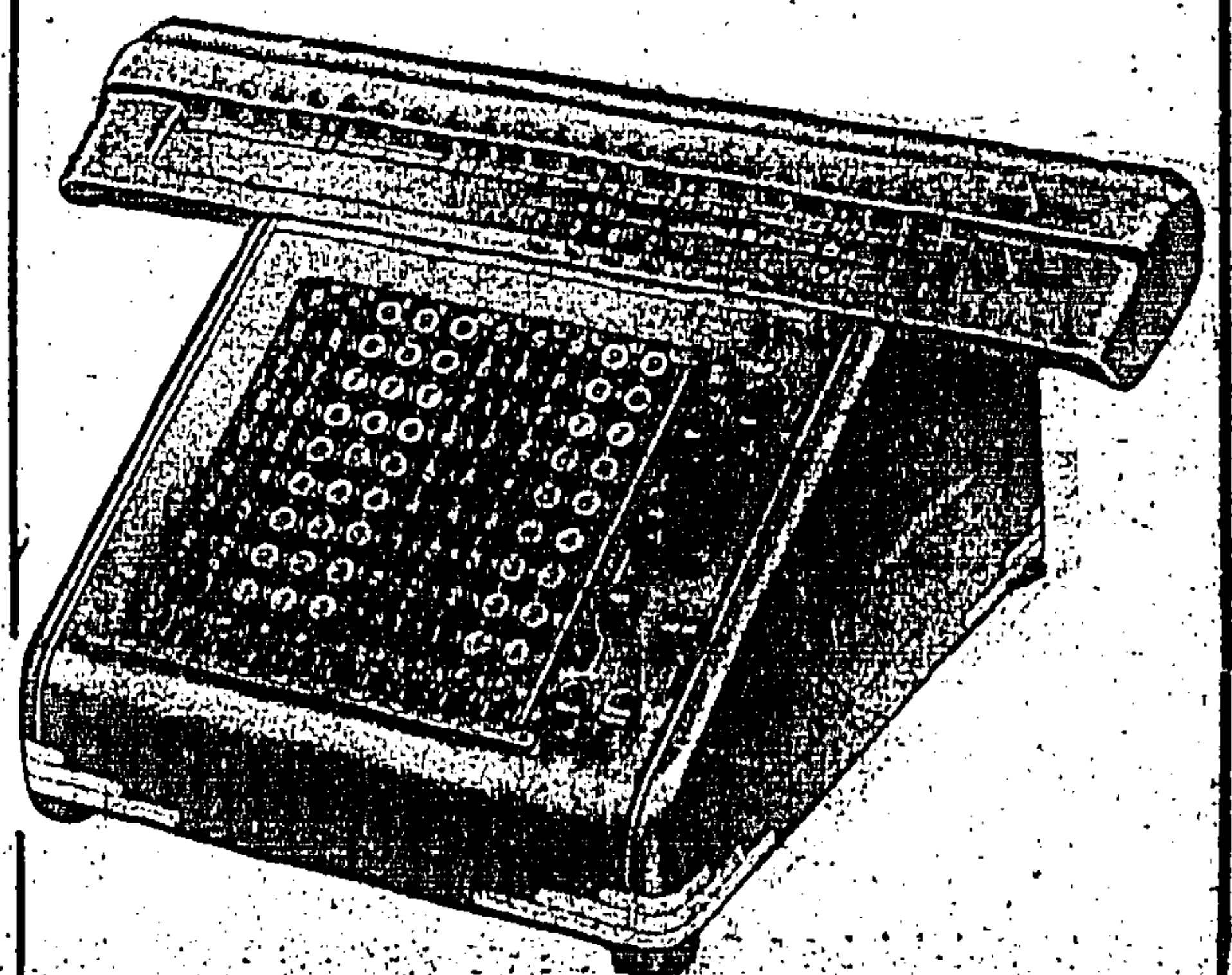
Quisling's own paper claims that the puppet government is entitled to the credit for this "magnanimous concession!" — Reuter.

GERMAN CENSUS OF BELGIAN VEHICLES

The German authorities in Belgium are taking a census of all motor-car, motor cycle and bicycle tyres, both new and second hand, and no vehicle owner is to be allowed to have more than two tyres in reserve. — Reuter.

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GERMANY TAKING COMPLETE CONTROL IN RUMANIA

RUMANIA'S STEADY development into a German State is further shown by the announcement yesterday that not only have new gauleiters been appointed for the old kingdom of Transylvania and Banat but German mayors and vice-mayors have been selected for twelve large towns in which there are large German minorities.

HAIPHONG BOMBING ENQUIRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following diplomatic demarches by the Indo-China authorities the Japanese Government yesterday ordered an investigation into the recent bombing of Haiphong.

Tokyo has also agreed in principle to pay indemnities to the wounded and the families of those killed during the bombing.

Meanwhile the first train bringing wounded to Hanoi and Langson has arrived.

Admiral De Coux, Governor-General of Indo-China, received General Suzuki, head of the Army Communications Bureau and special envoy who was accompanied by General Nishihara and the Japanese consul-general in Hanoi.

After their visit Admiral De Coux and the Japanese officers called on General Martin, commanding French forces in Indo-China. — Havas.

THAILAND SHOOTING ALLEGATION

ACCORDING TO A BANGKOK DESPATCH TO THE DOMEI AGENCY YESTERDAY THAILAND HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO AN INCIDENT NEAR VIENTIANE, ON THE INDO-CHINA BORDER LAST SUNDAY, WHEN A THAILAND MERCHANT IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD BY A FRENCH INDO-CHINA POLICEMAN FOR ALLEGEDLY CROSSING THE BORDER WITHOUT A PASSPORT.

The protest is said to demand the punishment of the policeman, compensation and an inquiry on the spot.

It is officially denied in Bangkok, adds Domei, that a Thailand plane crossed into Indo-China and attacked a police station. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL HARWOOD KNIGHTED

Rear-Admiral Harwood, who commanded the British naval forces at the River Plate Battle against the German battleship Graf Spee, last December, has returned home for the first time since the great victory and was yesterday knighted by the King at Buckingham Place. — British Wireless.

M. COSME BOUND FOR HAIPHONG

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, is leaving Shanghai to-day for Haiphong. — Central News.

KIDNAPPER PLEADS GUILTY

Wilhelm Muhlenbroich, a German, was indicted at Redwood City, Cal., yesterday, for the kidnapping of the three-year-old son of Contesse de Tristram. Accused-pleaded guilty to the charge and will be sentenced on Friday; he faces life imprisonment. — Reuter.

CALAIS HERO A PRISONER

Lieutenant Charles Robert Cecil Weld-Forester, of the Rifle Brigade, one of the defenders of Calais, is a prisoner of war and wounded, it was learned in London. — Reuter.

British Arrests

General Antonescu, Dictator of Rumania, in a letter yesterday to the British Minister in Bucharest, promised a "full investigation" into the affair regarding British subjects arrested at Ploesti. — Reuter.

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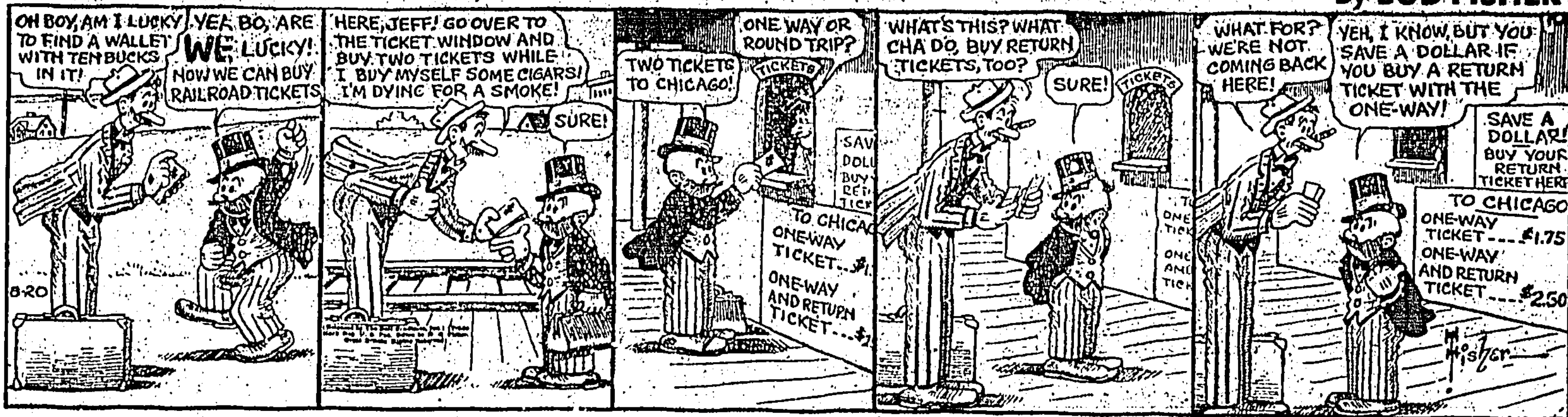
2.30: "TREASURE
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ESCAPES"

5.20: "BOHEMIAN
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9.30: "DAVID
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"RAF MEN" WHO DON'T EXIST

Goebbels's propaganda machine is working over-time on the "latest" R.A.F. prisoners. One list contains 25 names. Many of them have no existence in the Air Force List; most of those that can be identified have already appeared in R.A.F. casualty lists, either as prisoners or as missing.

One officer named in the German list is Pilot-Officer G. W. V. Biden. The Air Ministry reported him missing on June 15. Pilot-Officer Vincent Parker, announced as captured, was named in a German broadcast on July 24.

Promoted

Another trick is to give R.A.F. officers and men a higher rank than they hold. Aircraftmen become flight-sergeants; pilot-officers become squadron leaders.

PART OF BRIGHTON MAY BE FREED

A large part of Brighton beach and its southern promenades may soon be released from the ban imposed by the military.

At 9.45 p.m. curfew now operates at six entertainment houses in the "curfew" area.

Those living in that area and attending theatres and cinemas in the free part of the town may still return home by 10 p.m.

SCRAP WILL MAKE ARMS FOR US

ON 20 ACRES of grassland down in the country a pyramid of twisted metal is mounting towards the sky. It is a funeral pile of Luftwaffe ambition—the dumping place to which from all over the country R.A.F. lorries bring the broken, bullet-riddled remains of the Heinkels, Dorniers, Messerschmidts and Junkers shot down by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns.

Here in increasing numbers shattered aircraft are being massed to form a grey-green mountain marked by hundreds of crosses painted on crumpled wings, writes a correspondent.

They represent thousands of pounds' worth of scrap. They will lie here until technicians have analysed the material, and they will be broken up still further and melted down for use as weapons against the country which produced them.

It takes an hour and a half to make a tour of this burial ground. Like cattle pens at a market, the ground is divided into separate lots, each one railed off by the wings of crashed aircraft; each one a dump of debris 12ft. high and covering an acre to an acre and half of ground.

The Men Cheer

The metal and produce recovering people employs 157 men, who

do nothing else but unload and pile up the lorry-loads of aeroplanes.

The men wear thick leather gauntlets as protection against the jagged edges of the metal. And they cheer each time a lorry rumbles in from the Roman road which runs up to the gates.

One of the men who was leaning over a tangled heap of burnt-out engines was swearing quietly to himself.

"It's the reek of them that makes one swear," he said. "The bad sulphurous smell which comes from the vegetable oil they burn makes one feel sick."

I walked with him round the debris, stopping to examine different sections. He showed me the broken-off tails of Messerschmidts, each one with a small Swastika outlined in white; the half-demolished cockpit of a Junkers, riddled with bullet holes; the broken top of a Heinkel; and the wheel-hub of a Dornier.

We passed a heap, six feet in height, composed of nothing but piping and tubing.

More Dumps Ready

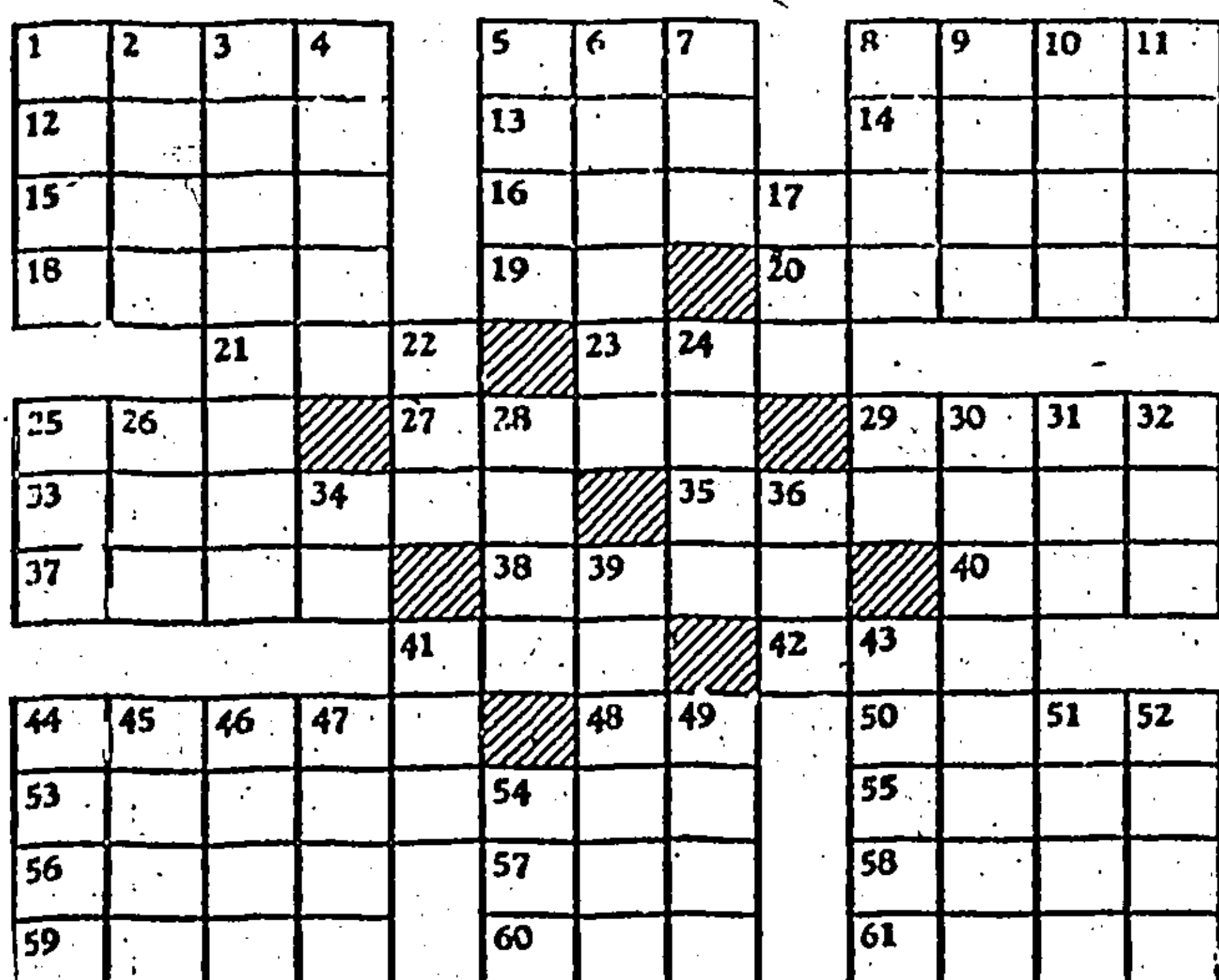
"There's enough good material among this lot to make plenty of new aeroplanes for England one day," the man told me. "They are piling up fast now, coming in here at the rate of five and six a day. If the boys go on shooting them down so fast we shall soon have to make use of our 'reserves'—and he pointed to a field beyond, where new dumping places were already railed off.

Then a big lorry turned in to the ground—first of a convoy which were carrying the various parts of a Junkers shot down that morning on the South-West Coast.

The first lorry carried one wing, riddled with bullets.

My guide excused himself saying, "Here's more work for us to do. Those boys of ours are grand."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



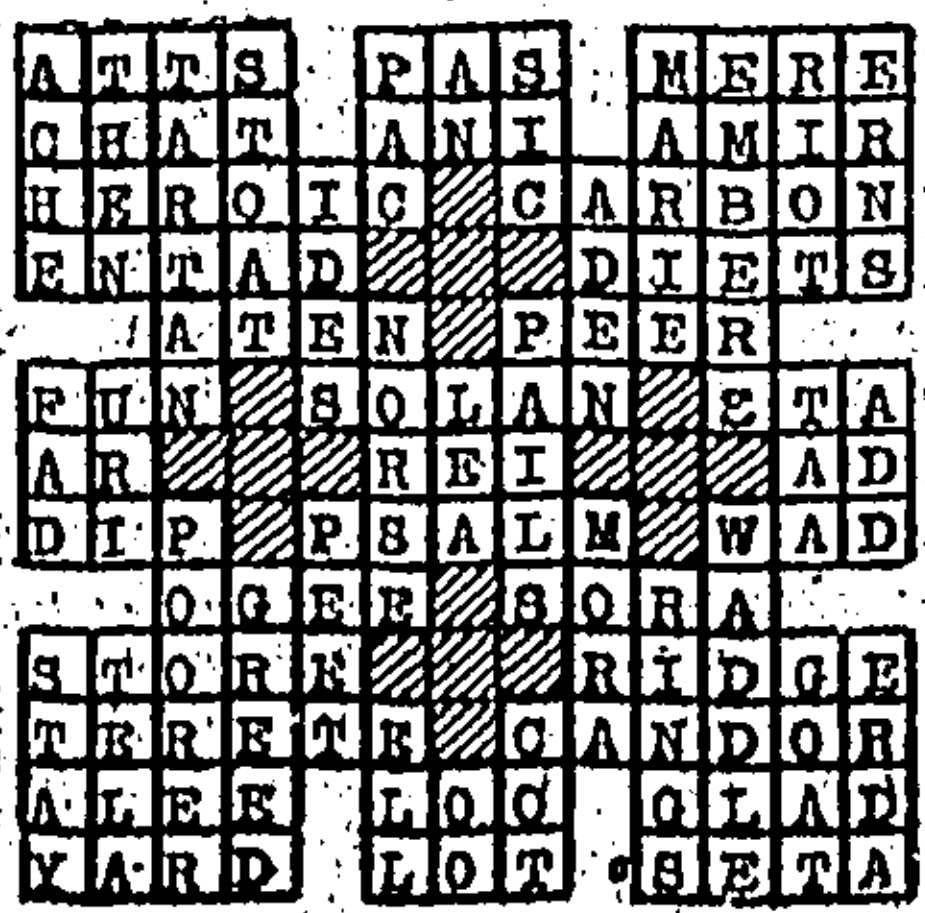
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Reckless
- 5 Foundation
- 8 Ecclesiastical vestments
- 12 Turkish regiment
- 13 Tropical blackbird
- 14 Story
- 15 To transmit
- 16 To infer
- 18 To summon
- 19 Chinese measure
- 20 Glacial ridge
- 21 To employ
- 23 To obtain
- 25 Moslem name
- 27 Grey
- 29 Fencing sword
- 33 Having limits
- 35 Fame
- 37 Placed on a mound
- 38 To declare
- 40 Body of water
- 41 Period of time
- 42 Fuel
- 44 Unmitigated

VERTICAL

- 1 To grate
- 2 Appellation of Athens
- 3 Buoyant
- 4 Conceals
- 5 German compose
- 6 Sufficient
- 7 Clamour
- 8 Siamese coins
- 9 Small singing bird
- 10 Azure
- 11 Prophet
- 17 To deposit
- 22 To devour
- 24 Ancient court
- 25 Near the stern
- 26 Falsehood
- 28 To burn
- 29 Printer's measure
- 30 Imaginably true
- 31 Female sheep
- 32 Girl's name
- 34 European fish
- 36 Unit of work
- 39 Pride
- 41 Before
- 43 Foreign
- 44 Barn
- 45 To this place
- 46 Lamb's pen-name
- 47 At any time
- 49 Comfort
- 51 Remainder
- 52 Chopping tools
- 54 To bind

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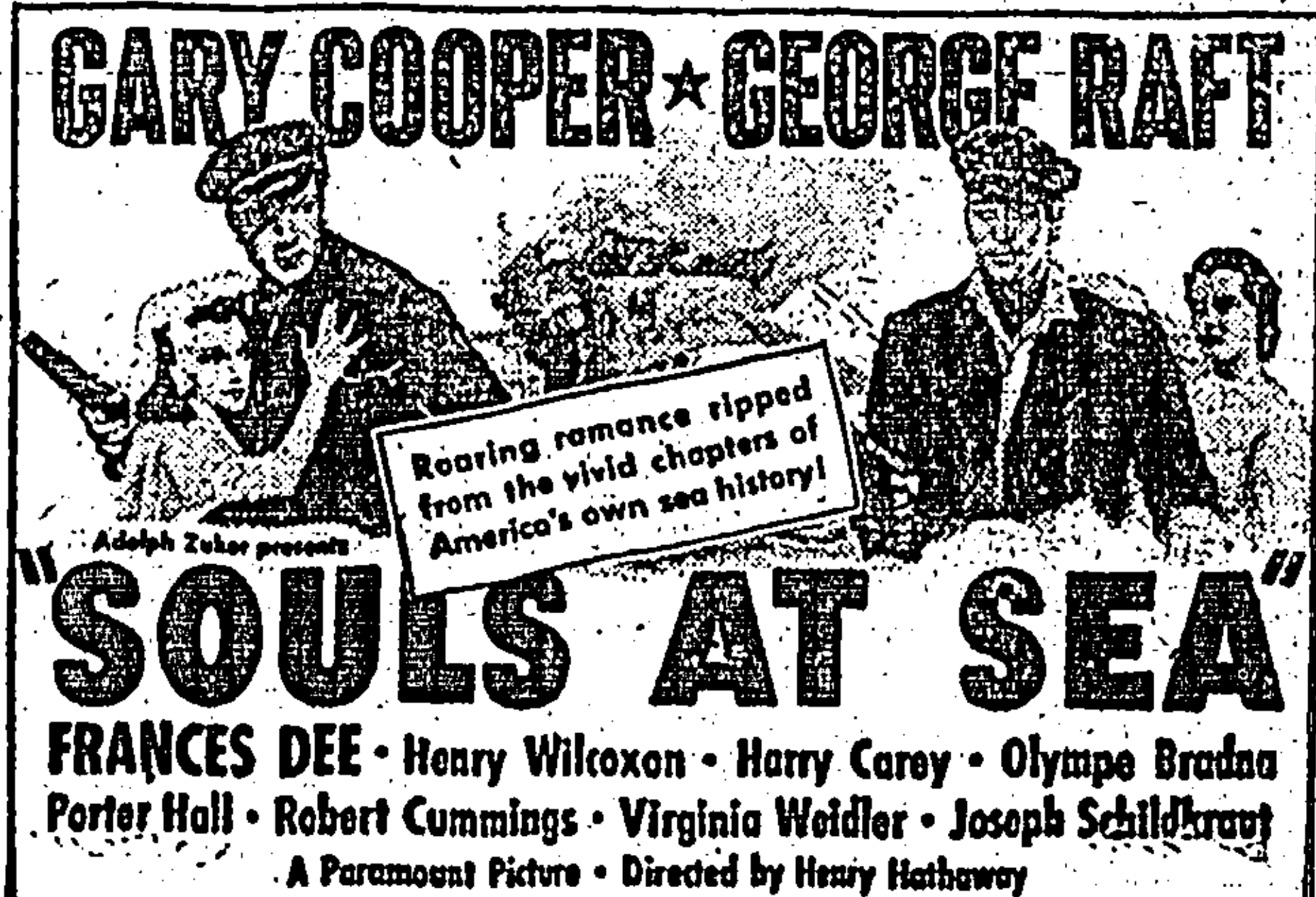


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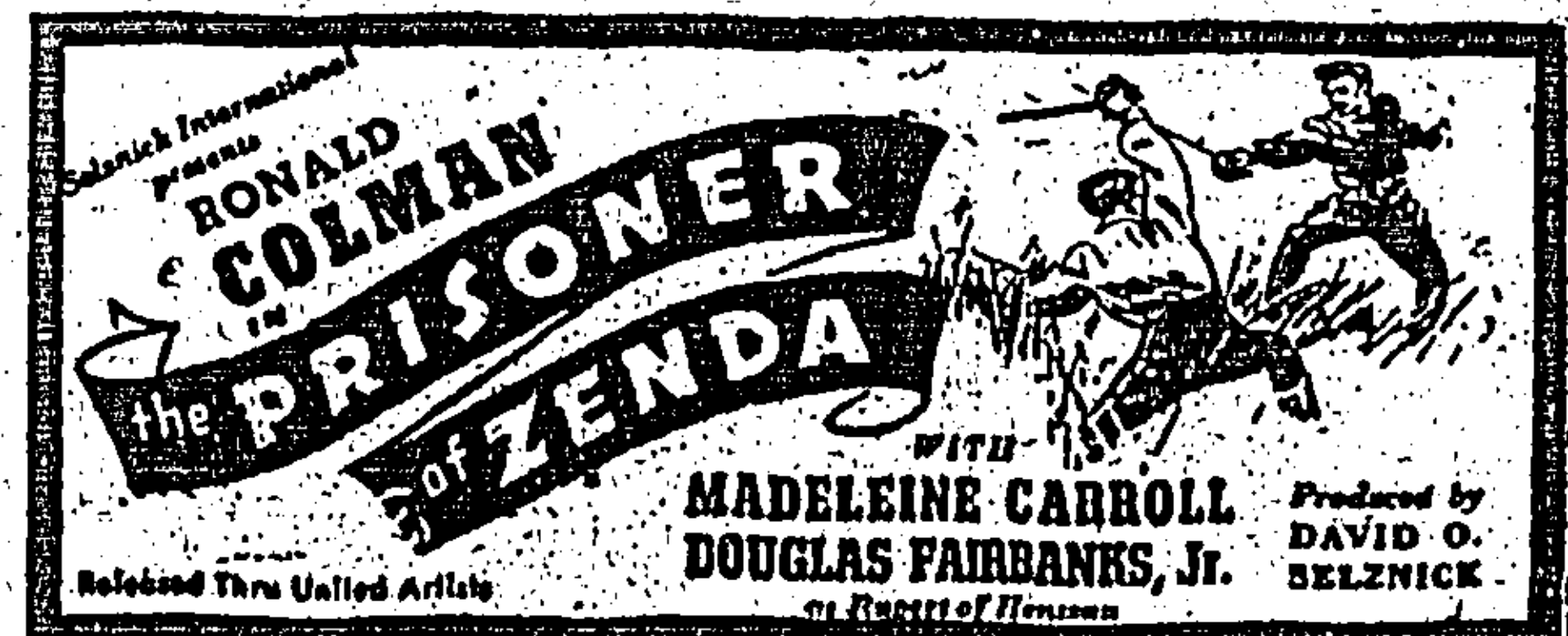
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CHANNEL THE FRONT LINE IN THE BLITZ

THE LONG-EXPECTED BATTLE of Britain is now on in earnest. That is the definite opinion of men taking part in the fierce air fighting that is still raging on the South-East coast, writes an air correspondent.

"We are now right in the middle of the blitzkrieg," said an officer of high rank. He was admirably qualified to give judgment. "There can be little doubt about it," he added. "Daily the Germans are throwing in from 500 to 600 aircraft against us on the South-East coast alone."

"Nothing could be more satisfactory than the manner in which we are inflicting heavy losses. A determined attack is in progress and it is not succeeding. The magnificent way in which the R.A.F. has met the challenge is providing the most heartening news we have had since the war began."

I have just returned from a two-weeks' stay in some of the "hot-spots" on the South-East Coast, and it may be instructive to indicate what is taking place. People who are outside the area can realise the position only dimly. Everything we used to know has changed. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers stand behind a great mass of fortifications of all kinds. They are ready, day and night, to meet a threat of invasion that has suddenly quickened.

Big Events Ahead

At some points that are regarded as particularly vulnerable there is a front-line atmosphere every bit as marked as any we can remember in France during the last war. These fortifications, extraordinary in their thoroughness, are manned for instant action.

Not the slightest risks are taken. Men are plainly told that their positions must be held if necessary to the last man. The feeling that big events lie immediately ahead is widespread.

It is in the midst of this that air fighting on an unparalleled scale is now taking place. It has been going on steadily without any real break. The Germans, beyond reasonable doubt, are making desperate attempts along the whole of the South-East coast to conquer our air defences.

The R.A.F. by sheer brilliance, is sending down the raiders at a rate that at any other time would have been looked upon as quite fantastic. Our officially recorded successes, in fact, have been so amazing that many persons have even been speculating whether they can actually be true.

Checking The Claims

It may be said at once, that these official figures, far from exaggerating, are an underestimate. The number of German machines being brought down each day is considerably in excess of the claims made. Throughout its history, the R.A.F. has insisted rigidly on the corroboration of pilots' claims. Wherever there has been a doubt the claim has been disallowed. This does not cast reflection on the pilots, but represents an effort to ensure exactitude.

At first the corroboration was asked for from a second pilot. Now things are happening with such bewildering rapidity that it became essential to make some modification of the rule. Fights have been taking place on so enormous a scale and at so great a speed that it was impossible in the majority of instances for a pilot to follow the results.

Exhaustive Examination

He had no sooner sent one enemy machine to destruction than he had to face perhaps three or four more opponents. And his colleagues were similarly busy. It became obvious that in such conditions there must be a modification of the rule.

The strictest questioning, however, takes place when the pilots return to the aerodrome. The whole of the evidence in each case is exhaustively examined, before any decision is reached as to the fate of the enemy aircraft. Without compunction it is decided in cases of doubt that the enemy

aircraft which has crashed shall go down in the records as disabled or badly damaged.

In large numbers of these cases the aeroplane had only the remotest chance of getting home. Yet they are not included in the list of successes.

Lost Count

This applies with particular force to the innumerable fights which have been fought on the South-East coast. The published figures, staggering as they are, do not by any means represent the extent of the victories scored over the Germans.

Every day fierce battles have been taking place over various points along the South-East Coast. The significant thing is that they are increasing rather than slackening in intensity. The great roar of the machines as they dive, the rat-a-tat-tat of the machine-guns, the deeper popping of the Messerschmidt cannon, are a constant reminder to people who find air-raid warnings so numerous that they have long ago lost count of their number.

The dropping of bombs and the din of anti-aircraft fire play a violent part, but to a remarkable extent people have adapted themselves to conditions, which have failed completely to cause the panic that the enemy hoped to bring about.

Nothing could be finer than the calm of the armed defenders. In a hundred ways they are showing daily their confidence to meet any attack. One thing has been made very obvious—the Germans are extremely annoyed by our balloon barrages.

Although they have brought several balloons down, they return to find that others have been put up in their place, and the barrier to the dive-bomber remains. This form of defence has proved most acceptable to the sailors whose convoys are being provided with them.

No-Man's Land

No praise can be too high for the men of the Merchant Navy, who go on with their job with a quiet doggedness that earns the admiration of everyone. They sail out with their painfully slow convoys, and when they return from hard adventure will usually dwell on some amusing incident rather than on the terrific attack to which they may have been subjected from the air.

The Channel has become a veritable No-Man's Land. There is something forbidding about its clear-swept stretch of water, with the French cliffs easily observable opposite.

"They seem much too near for comfort when you are in the Channel," said the commander of a motor torpedo-boat when I met him enjoying a brief spell ashore. These M.T.B.s are playing a very gallant part in the present battle.

"If any of our pilots happen to come down in the ditch," he said, "we like to give a helping hand. Their spirit is amazing. I came across a Spitfire pilot who had come down by parachute and was trying to swim home against a heavy tide. He was frankly surprised that anybody should have been sent out to collect him."

Worried Over Date

"The controls of his machine had been shot away and he had to bale out. He had hurt his knee, and his only concern was that he might have to 'cancel a date' he had made that night at a West End hotel. He was in great glee, because this was the third time that he had had to make a

HITLER'S HORSE MARINES

Germans are collecting old horses in Norway and training them in swimming ashore by dumping them in the sea, the "New York Times" reports from Stockholm.

The purpose is believed to be to train these animals as advance guards to blow up land mines during landing operations in England.

ATTACKS FROM AIR "A MERE PRELUDE"

The Soviet Press has not so far directly discussed the air battles over the Channel.

The opinion in Soviet military circles, however, is rather clearly brought out by the official newspaper "Pravda's" comment that, unless the German High Command can transfer actual hostilities to British soil, the war, however intensified in the air and on the sea, must necessarily be long drawn out.

"Pravda," therefore, quoting foreign observers, suggests that the present air operations are a mere prelude to graver events.

Col. Shevchaloff, military critic of the General Staff's organ "Red Star" takes much the same line, arguing that aeroplanes, when used on a mass scale in cooperation with mighty tank corps and large forces making a landing on the coast, can be a decisive, strategical factor for the outcome of the whole war.

parachute jump, and he roared with laughter at the thought.

"But Germans who have come down in the water are far more numerous than any of our men. Our casualties in comparison have been very few indeed. The Germans have lost so heavily in this respect and seem to regard it as a matter of course they will be sent down that they are evidently becoming quite concerned over arrangements for picking them up."

Dangerous Habit

"German E boats have been used to rescue them. I saw one of these craft the other day alongside a bomber that had been shot down. The machine was blazing so furiously they could not do very much."

Although ground watchers are well used to air raids, there is always a search at the end of each one for souvenirs in the form of shell fragments or machine-gun bullets. This is a dangerous habit in the case of shells that may have come from Messerschmidts without exploding. They have to be handled so carefully that special warnings have been sent out that they must be left alone. One soldier lost his hand when the shell he picked up exploded, but another man carried a similar shell about in his pocket until he was informed of the risk he ran.

Bombing is being directed to an increasing extent against military objectives, including big aerodromes, but the results achieved by the enemy have not been at all commensurate with the needs of the situation if invasion is seriously contemplated.

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HITLER'S PLAN?

Nazi spokesmen in Berlin, have recently in presenting their versions of great losses inflicted on Britain, been beginning to speak of their supposed effect on "an air force even as large as the R.A.F." It is a justified admission of respect and one which must be fortified in the minds of Germans by the nightly news from the Rhineland.

If Hitler's plan, whatever it is, is to mean anything in the way of a decision it must not only justify some part of the long threatened assault on the British Isles but it must also curb our demonstrated capacity for attack. The second necessity is clearly unfulfilled at the present time and so long as it remains unfulfilled it is impossible to maintain that the first is in effective operation.

German tales for home and neutral consumption grow, if anything, wilder as the air war deepens; they now even invent dissensions at our Air Ministry. But of the serious intentions of the attempted assault there is no doubt.

Convoys, ports, aerodromes, balloon barrages, and here and there by night industrial centres—these are not targets of terrorism but of significant importance; if great and sustained damage could be there inflicted our war effort would be accordingly handicapped and attempted invasion by sea brought nearer.

But in spite of the increased severity of the attacks the damage does not increase as do the losses to the attackers.

If the aim of the "well-laid plan" is attrition, it is so far working to Germany's disadvantage both at home and in the air. But we cannot expect that the attacks will slacken; by sheer necessity of war and by the tales that have been told to his own people Hitler is too deeply committed to them. He must do something with what remains of the autumn and that something we must be prepared to meet in whatever form his necessity may drive him to attempt. For the present the valour, sacrifices, and ability of the R.A.F., both in defence and in attack, have served us magnificently and cannot be too gratefully saluted.

Japan's Pact With The Axis

The signing of the tripartite pact has been carried out with a great flourish of trumpets, although it were the solemn pronouncement of final judgment before the victim against whom it is directed, was hanged, drawn and quartered. On closer examination, however, it turns out to be, not an indication of confidence in final victory so much as an empty threat in the hope of staving off defeat.

What is the position? Japan loudly proclaimed for years that Russia was the enemy in the same way as Germany did; Russia was internally corrupt, ruled by a gang of sub-human beings in Hitler's words, and could easily be conquered. Japan tested the strength of the Russian forces at the battle for the hill of Chang Ko Feng in July 1938 and then retired to think the matter over. The idea was that such a successful war would be a way out from the unsuccessful effort to subdue China but it was realised that such a campaign would involve even greater risk and more likelihood of defeat than the campaign in which Japan was already involved.

In the fourth year of war in China in spite of the assistance rendered to her by the war material obtained from the United

States, and by the closure of the Burma Road, in spite of control of the whole coast of China, the prospect of creating the new order in that part of the world is more remote than ever. Having failed against Russia and secondly against China, having burdened the nation with a colossal debt and reduced the standard of living.

By CIVIS

ing Japan now looks for another way of escape.

France lies bleeding and helpless, and her distant colonies undefended; with the connivance of the Nazi people and as a bait to lure Japan in to the vortex the latter is urged to take advantage of the situation.

The road North to Siberia is closed, the advance to the west through China having been held up for two years, the expansion south is now opened up. Having failed in two directions there is a last hope she will succeed in the third effort. Like the little boy

Japan is for the time being the King of the Castle in Indo-China and the United States is the dirty rascal for criticising this move south.

The control of this territory has been gained, but now the cost is being calculated. The rearmament in the United States, carried on with all the tremendous industrial resources of that country and the embargo on metals and aviation spirit destined for Japan, mean that the recognition by Germany and Italy of Japan's domination there is not going to be unchallenged.

Japan has been pondering deeply how she is going to meet that challenge and this tripartite treaty is one of the means by which she hopes to stave off the day of reckoning. From the Japanese point of view then, the signing of the pact with Germany and Italy should hardly be accompanied by paeans of victory.

It is a treaty demanded by the situation, because of abject fear.

If, however, that is the case with Japan, it is a similar fear

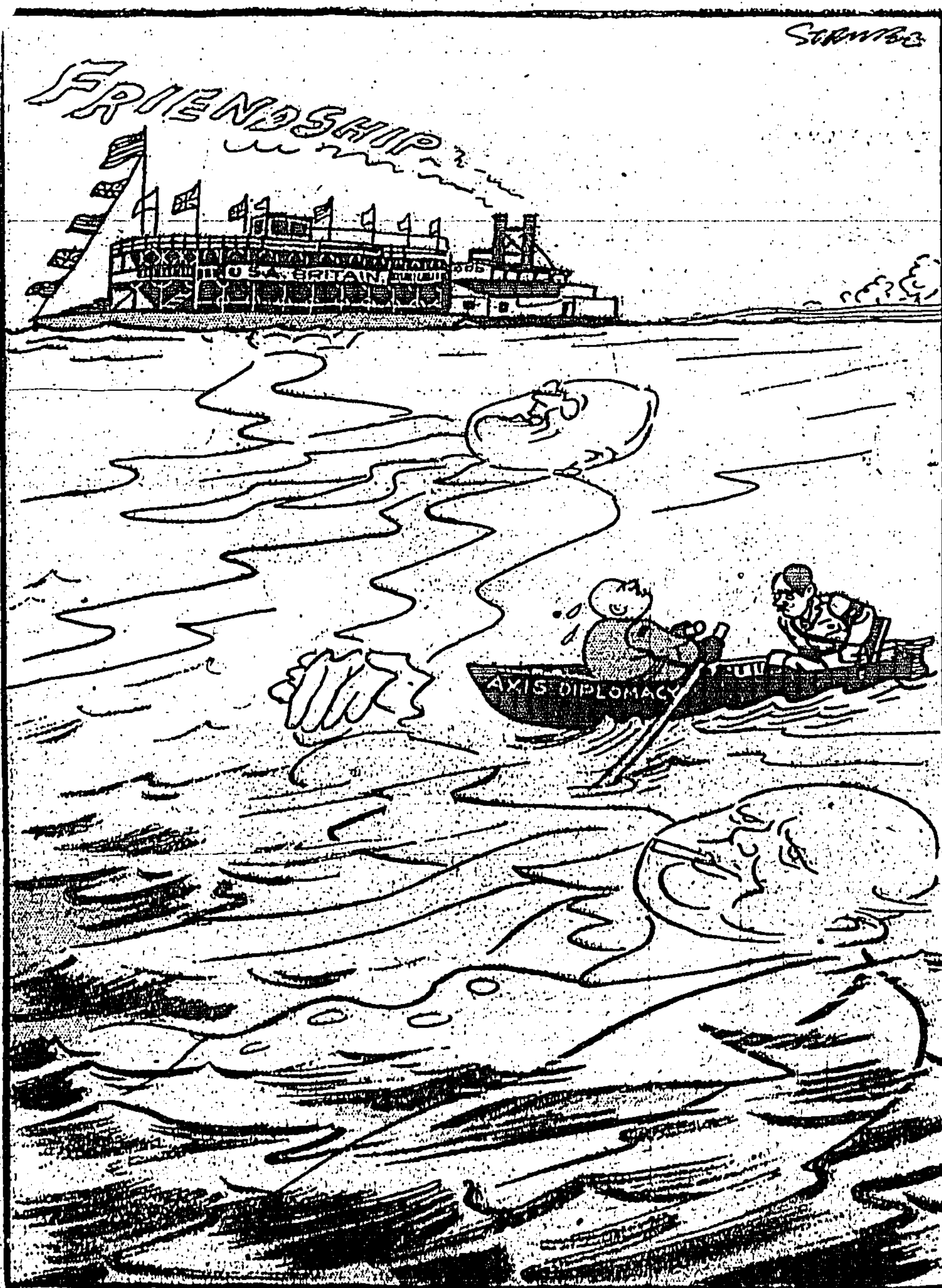
which animates Germany and Italy. The treaty marks their failure to achieve the kind of victory which alone will assure their hegemony in Europe which they so loudly proclaim is theirs. Hitler has shouted from the house-tops that Britain would be invaded and subdued this year, and that he would dictate peace from Buckingham Palace in August, assuming that Buckingham Palace was still standing.

The simple and incontrovertible fact remains that he has not done so. Goebbels' loud threats and denunciations over the Berlin radio have not been implemented by the achievements of Goering's Luftwaffe. On the contrary the R.A.F. has blasted his invasion bases on the European coast without intermission and to such a degree as to make the attempt impossible. But that is merely the preliminary for the navy and the land forces in Britain also have to be overcome before peace can be dictated in London. It is a truly formidable task which the Nazis have undertaken, and to a person of average intellect an impossible one. The fact is the Nazis have been thinking in terms of land power with the air force as the spearhead of a successful attack, as in Poland. Britain, however, is not Poland neither from a geographical, military, naval, or aerial point of view. It is the centre of the British Empire and the focus of its power.

Hitler then has proclaimed his failure since he has wisely failed to make the attempt. Italy, too, which has been urging Germany to get on with the blitzkrieg against Britain, is obviously worried. She fears a long war and the power of the United States.

There has been no progress in her major operations in Africa, her warships carefully avoid contact with the British fleet, which parades the Mediterranean for days on end, as in times of peace. Both Italy and Germany, who have nothing whatever to offer Japan except the French derelict possession of Indo-China, look for her help against the United States. They also are afraid of the future. Japan then is expected to face the United States, and from Germany she will get sympathy and encouragement in her predicament.

China which is handed over on paper to the tender mercies of Japan is now in a stronger position than before, since Japan having interests elsewhere will probably be satisfied to contain the Chinese armies within their present positions and will seek ultimately to make a graceful withdrawal on some plea or other. With regard to Italy and Germany it would seem that Free China's attitude now must be one of non-belligerency. The activities of the German and Italian nationals in Free China are now officially announced to be in favour of Japan. Whatever trade they are carrying on in wolfram and such things should be stopped seeing that the supply of this material to Germany indirectly helps Japan in her efforts at conquest. It would be ironic to welcome the American embargo on scrap metal and aviation spirit and to aid Japan's ally in any way whatever. The new embargo begins on October 16th and the Burma Road is expected to be re-opened about the same date.



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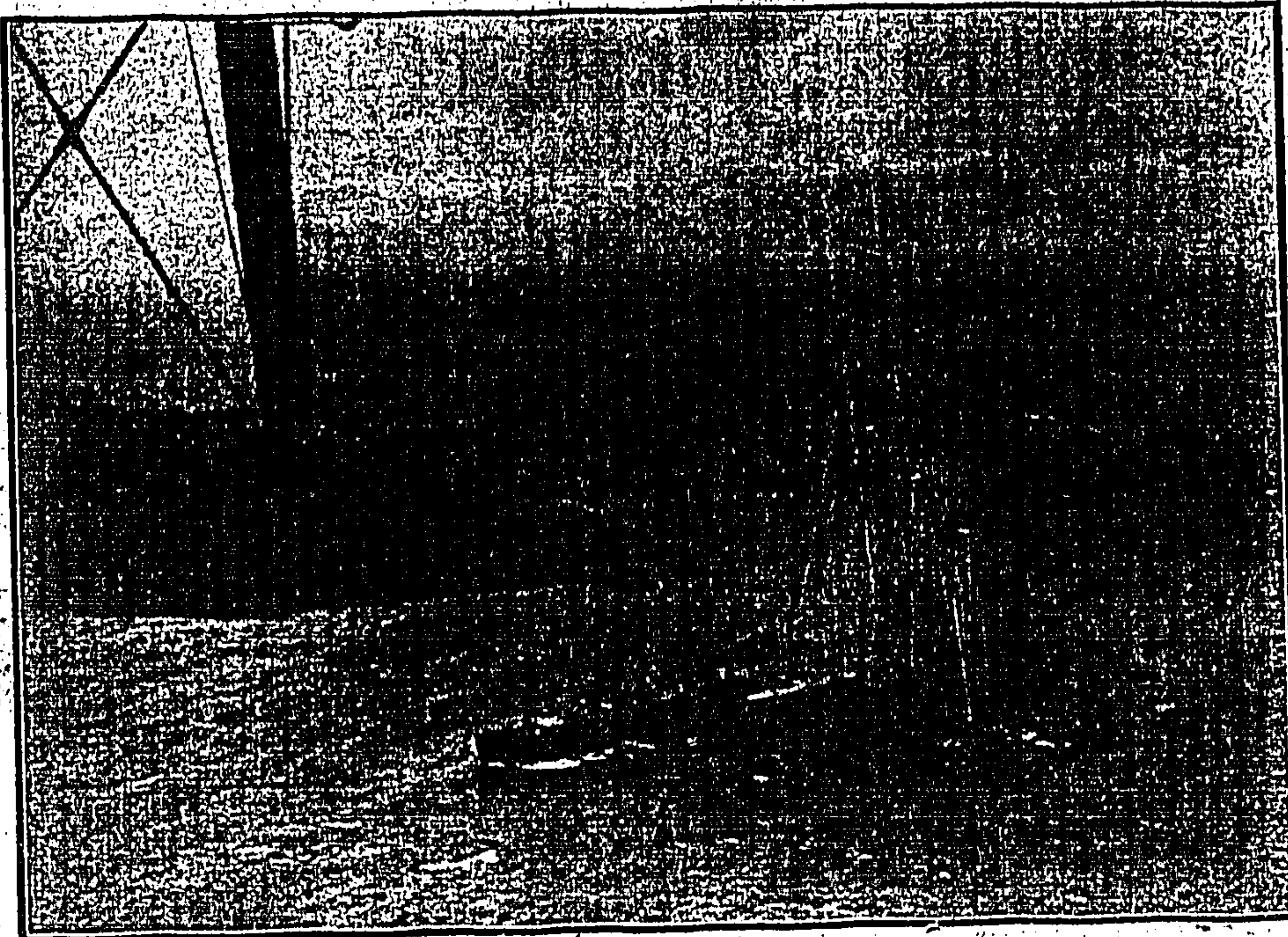
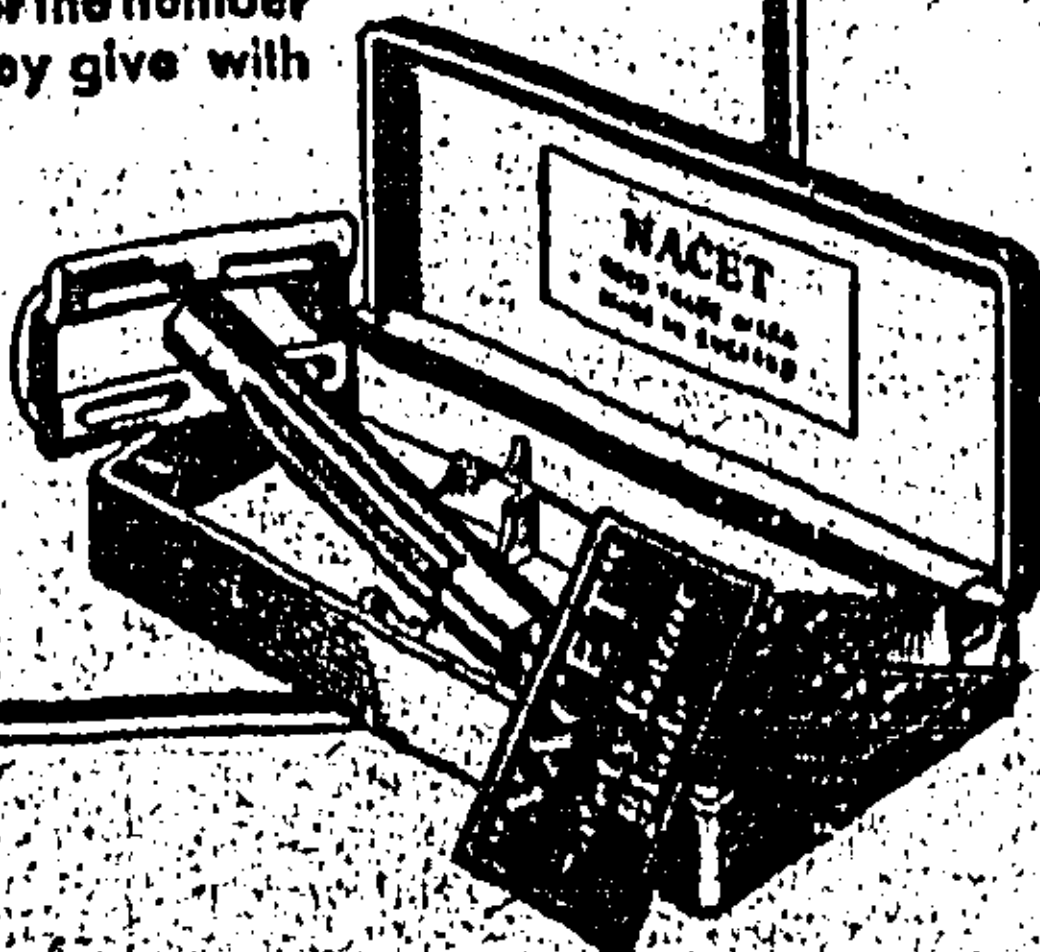
THE tight frilled bodice and the flared crinoline skirt have come straight out of the old family album, but the figure is her own. Great grandmama could never have achieved this slim athletic line without the high-pressure help of a sturdy lady's maid, but she achieves it by watching her diet and her drinks. Her cocktail for example is always a "Gimlet" because she knows that the girl who insists on Rose's Lime Juice today avoids a headache and a Rubens contour tomorrow.

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Cooperation In Defence Against Invasion

From A Special Correspondent

ONE OF THE things that most impress one after periodical visits to troops engaged in preparations for defence against invasion is the way in which plans for the counter assault are steadily becoming standardised and a definite technique evolved.

Another, and this is encouraging for more than one reason, is the increasing degree of cooperation that exists between the full-time troops and the Home Guard.

The public ought now to be let into the secrets of the way—in which the last three months have been spent experimenting in the development of plans for throwing the invader back into the sea should he gain a foothold. It can now be stated with confidence that whenever the call is made it will be answered in a methodical rather than a haphazard manner.

Static And Mobile

When the military authorities first took stock of the problem of defending the country, the duties of the troops seemed to fall into two categories, static and mobile. The static defence was the simpler to prepare. It meant the construction of the beach and other defences which have been described on previous visits to the troops engaged. The job of the static defender is equally simple, and could not be better described than in the instructions to a post held by a company of the Home Guard of a north-western town. It runs, "If the post is attacked (the garrison) will resist by every means and remain until relieved. If the garrison cannot remain alive, it will remain dead; but in any case it will remain."

The questions arising from a decision to form mobile forces were difficult. What should be the strength of the smallest yet effective mobile force? How should it be constituted? How should it operate? In the last two months the answers have been given, and they now await a practical test, which may come more quickly than is usual with military theory.

Big Strides

One has seen the mobile company of two battalions stationed in a north-western area. One was a unit of The South Wales Borderers. Just over three weeks ago we witnessed a similar exercise carried out by a battalion of The Black Watch, so that it was possible to note the big forward stride that had been made in the interval.

In the latest example of the work of the mobile company news of a surprise landing was supposed to have been given to the battalion

commander by Home Guards manning an observation post, but not strong enough even to pin the enemy to their landing spot. So the mobile company was summoned. First came the motor-cycle platoon, scouts and advanced guards, then the Bren-gun carriers, followed by two platoons in trucks. Beyond them came the fourth platoon. The company had the wireless car with it, and was a self-contained fighting unit ever down to its supply trucks and field ambulances. The infantry carried their 2in. mortars, and behind a barrage of these they advanced to the final assault. Presumably the rest of the battalion would be reasonably close at hand as reinforcements should the mobile company prove less successful than they appear to be in this mock action.

"Tank-Hunting Platoon"

Another development is the "tank-hunting" platoon of the infantry battalion. This force, on being told that tanks are in the neighbourhood, has to shadow the invader, commit it to a previously prepared route, or get sufficiently ahead of it to prepare an ambush. The troops are finding all this great fun, particularly if, as with The South Wales Borderers, an imitation tank is used, for there is always a chance of sending an unpopular N.C.O. of another company over the handle-bars of a cycle by a judiciously placed trip wire when he is playing "enemy scout." And you can also pelt the occupants of the dummy tank with chunks of wood or other missiles shaped like bombs.

Yet this is a serious function now allotted to the infantry. Had these small forces been used against the tanks which advanced along the Somme, the Germans might have been held up long enough to enable the Allied forces to deal with them. But the important feature about the defensive plan in this part of the country is that the full-time troops would be called in to support or to take over from the local Home Guard who, in a variety of circumstances, might have to bear the first brunt of the invasion.

ANTI-JEW HINT IN FRANCE

First open hint of anti-Jewish measures in France was made by the "Paris-Soir."

"We witnessed the virtual occupation of France by Jews, and the total solution of the Jewish question is one of the essential conditions of our recovery," it says — British United Press.

Not Spectacular

A surprisingly high degree of cooperation exists between the General Staff and the Home Guard battalions in this area, organised even to their own "tank-hunting platoon," mobile reserve, ambulance service, supply columns, and regimental police. They have their defensive zones, their local areas, their battle positions, and their road blocks. Incidentally, one of these was recently tested by a real heavy tank, and the exercise was called off when the issue lay between breaking the block and doing several thousands of pounds worth of damage to the vehicle.

During these exercises the local population gets as near as it is allowed to see the fun. Enthusiasm is nicely balanced between cheering the blank rounds fired by the tank as it makes to charge the barrier, and applause for the home side when it lands a wooden bomb with a healthy wallop on the tank. And such is the technical knowledge of the wives and families that they appreciate father's marksmanship when he aims at the more vulnerable parts of the vehicle.

But all the work of these Home Guards is not so spectacular. They do patrol and guard duties once or twice in every six nights, and put in two parades a week learning musketry, map reading, bombing, and demolition. With the majority it is only a case of brushing up their knowledge, but there are a surprisingly large number of youngsters among them, and refreshingly few very elderly gentlemen in senior positions.

THIS WAS THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE

PEOPLE IN SCORES OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES SAW THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER LAND SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

Bombers estimated at between a hundred and two hundred, escorted by fighters, came over the countryside in perfect formation. Then they were attacked by Hurricanes and Spitfires.

For half an hour a terrific dog fight raged. Towns and villages were bombed and machine-gunned. Raiders, split from their formation, were forced down to rooftop height, chased by our fighters.

A number of them were brought down and crashed in fields and on houses.

At least eight villages were bombed, two were machine-gunned, and in a fight which took place at housetop height over one village a German machine was so low that its bomb rack struck a chimney pot in the middle of a row of cottages. Soon afterwards a bomb exploded and wrecked two of the cottages.

A seventy-year-old woman in one of them was taking refuge underneath the sink in the kitchen. She was dragged out after the raid by A.R.P. workers, and was suffering only from severe shock.

The family next door, including two evacuee children, were ready to sit down to their midday meal.

"When the crash came the dinner was blown over the houses," the husband said. "I shut my eyes and when I opened them again you could not see for dust."

The Germans came over in waves of fourteen at a time, flying very high. But they could be clearly seen.

The Spitfires and Hurricanes got in among them, and split them up into two sections. More of our fighters plunged into the battle and split them up yet again.

A man who lost a brother in the raids said: "The Jerries did not know what to do. I have never seen anything like it."

R.A.F. Dive In

"First of all came the German bombers with their fighters dodging around to protect them. Then our boys got busy. You could see them turning somersaults in the air, flinging their machines everywhere and diving right in among the Jerries from all angles."

"I saw one British fighter single out a German bomber. He dived right at him, let fire with all his guns and cut the German's wing clean away."

"You could see the wing coming crashing down to earth and the Germans jumped for it and came down in their parachutes. Our fighter—the one who had done the damage—followed the parachutes all the way down to the ground."

Five of the German raiders either divebombed or were forced down during the battle. At any rate they had British fighters following hot on their tail.

Said another man: "I was watching a squadron of German planes when all of a sudden one machine with several others following it, British and German, flew over the village at housetop height."

"One of the German machines hit the chimney pot of one of a row of cottages. Smoke burst from the cottages that had been struck and the bomb exploded almost at once."

Bricks and pieces of timber were blown into the air and fell all over the village. The street was full of smoke and dust."

In one village four people in an Anderson shelter which had not been provided with a blast screen were killed.

CANADIAN TO AID B.B.C.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, at the request of the B.B.C., have agreed to second Mr. Ernest L. Bushnell, its general programme supervisor, to act as North American programme organiser for the B.B.C.

A GUIDE TO TRUTH

Time after time Berlin announces that a raid has utterly destroyed some important objective, while London says the damage was negligible.

Neutrals ask which they shall believe.

Here is a pointer:

The German High Command announced that not only were most of the ships in Portland harbour sunk but the naval repair yard was practically destroyed, oil tanks destroyed by fire, and warehouses left in ruins.

The Admiralty said the raiders scored a few hits but did no damage of any importance.

The American Columbia Broadcasting Company's British representative made a comprehensive tour of Portland harbour and naval yard after the raid and this is what he said in a broadcast to the United States:

'Admiralty Accurate'

"The Admiralty communicate reporting the German raids against Portland was accurate."

"I should say that perhaps four or five small office buildings were destroyed."

"One group of six or eight bombs had been planted in a line on a practically unused railway yard, too far one way or the other to do any serious damage."

"There was no damage that could be observed to any of the vital elements of the naval establishment of Portland. It is still doing business."

"Probably the most impressive thing about this aerial warfare is the speed with which it happens, and the calmness of the people. If one must be bombed one could not ask for better company."



Ann Sothorn wears this three-piece outfit consisting of navy blue wool skirt and jacket and brilliant print blouse. The blouse is short-sleeved; the skirt has unpressed front pleats for fullness; and the jaunty hat is navy blue felt with pink grosgrain ribbon and fishnet veil trim, the pink picking up the predominate shade in the blouse.

WIFE TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO SAVE

When a fourteen-stone woman fell into a lake while stepping out of a punt her husband tried to pull her out, but she was too heavy for him.

Accidental death was the verdict on the woman, Mrs. Anne Watson, aged seventy, of Lake Lodge, Knebworth Park, Herts.

LEGAL MEN CHECK NAZI LOSSES

OUR FIGURES of Nazi air losses are an understatement, according to an American journalist who visited a Southern England aerodrome.

"I have always thought that the Air Ministry's figures were an under-estimate," he said. "Now that I have seen the exacting and careful system of checking I have no doubt about it."

Attached to each fighter aerodrome is a station intelligence office, where all pilots' reports are checked and counter-checked before being sent on to the Air Ministry. Each squadron using the aerodrome has its own intelligence officer.

Some of them were barristers in civil life. Many saw service in the last war.

Four Times Daily

Last week some of these pilots made three or even four trips daily into the air.

One middle-aged intelligence officer said that in some cases he had not had time to take details from the pilots of one combat before they were sent into the air again to counter another German wave of bombers and fighters.

That is one reason why during the days of the hottest engagements reports were delayed and full details of German losses were not available until the early hours of the following morning.

For the purpose of determining enemy casualties three categories are used—destroyed, probable, and damaged.

A machine is claimed as de-

stroyed only if it has been seen to blow up, be hopelessly on fire or to have crashed on land or sea.

"Probables" are machines which have suffered extremely severe damage with pieces breaking away, or were seen to be crashing down, but were not observed to have hit the ground.

Hit Not Enough

The "damaged" are those which have not only been hit but have been seen to have suffered definite damage.

The pilots tell their stories calmly and impersonally, and they have some amusing as well as dramatic tales to tell.

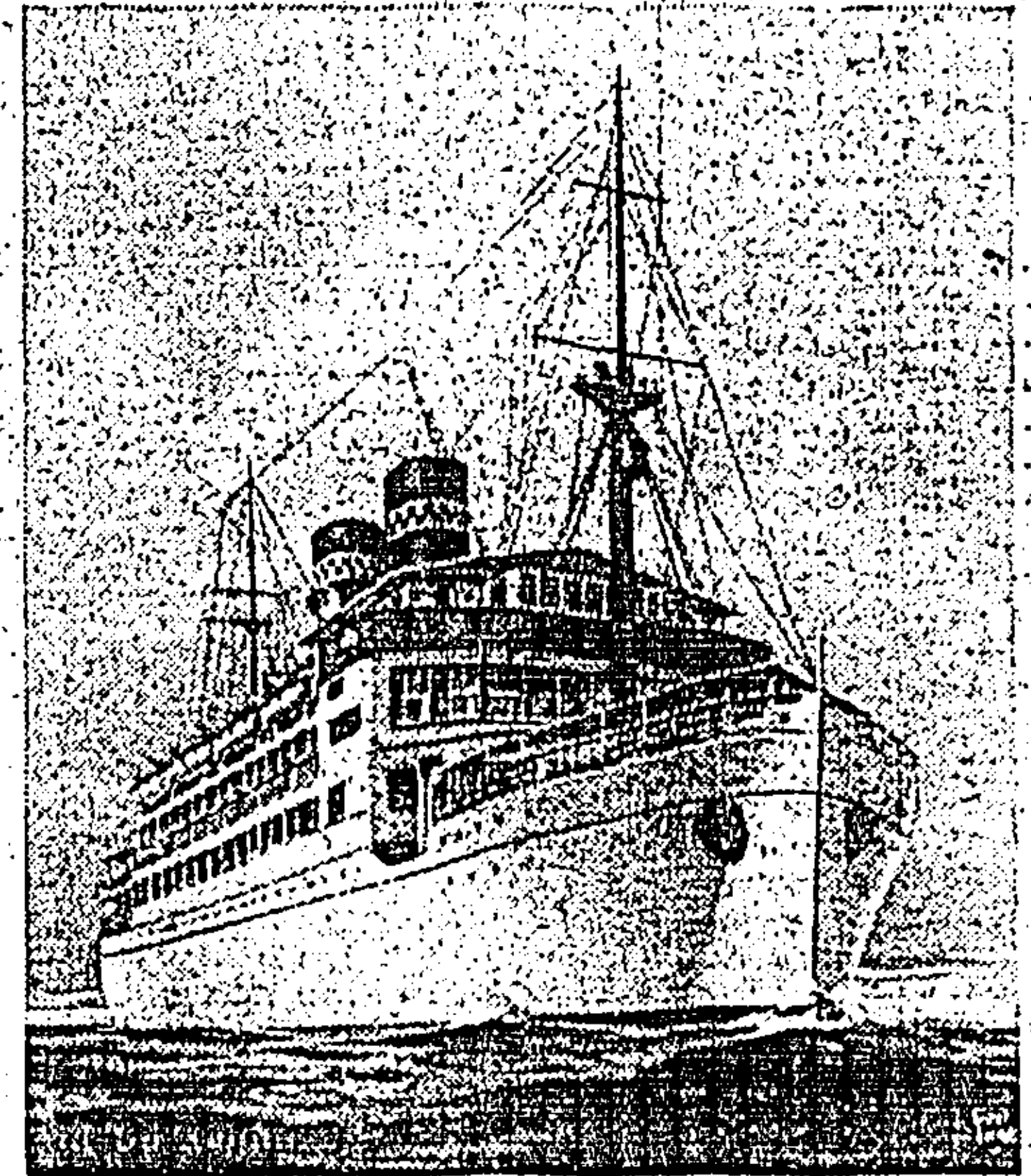
One of them had to make a parachute landing. He came down in what seemed to him a "dead world." The sirens had gone, but, of course, he had not heard them. "As I banged on a door," he said, "a deep voice from what seemed to be the bowels of the earth said, 'Who are you?' and out of an Anderson shelter stepped the occupant of the house."

"He had a shot gun, so I put my hands up. It's the safest thing to do in such circumstances, don't you think?"

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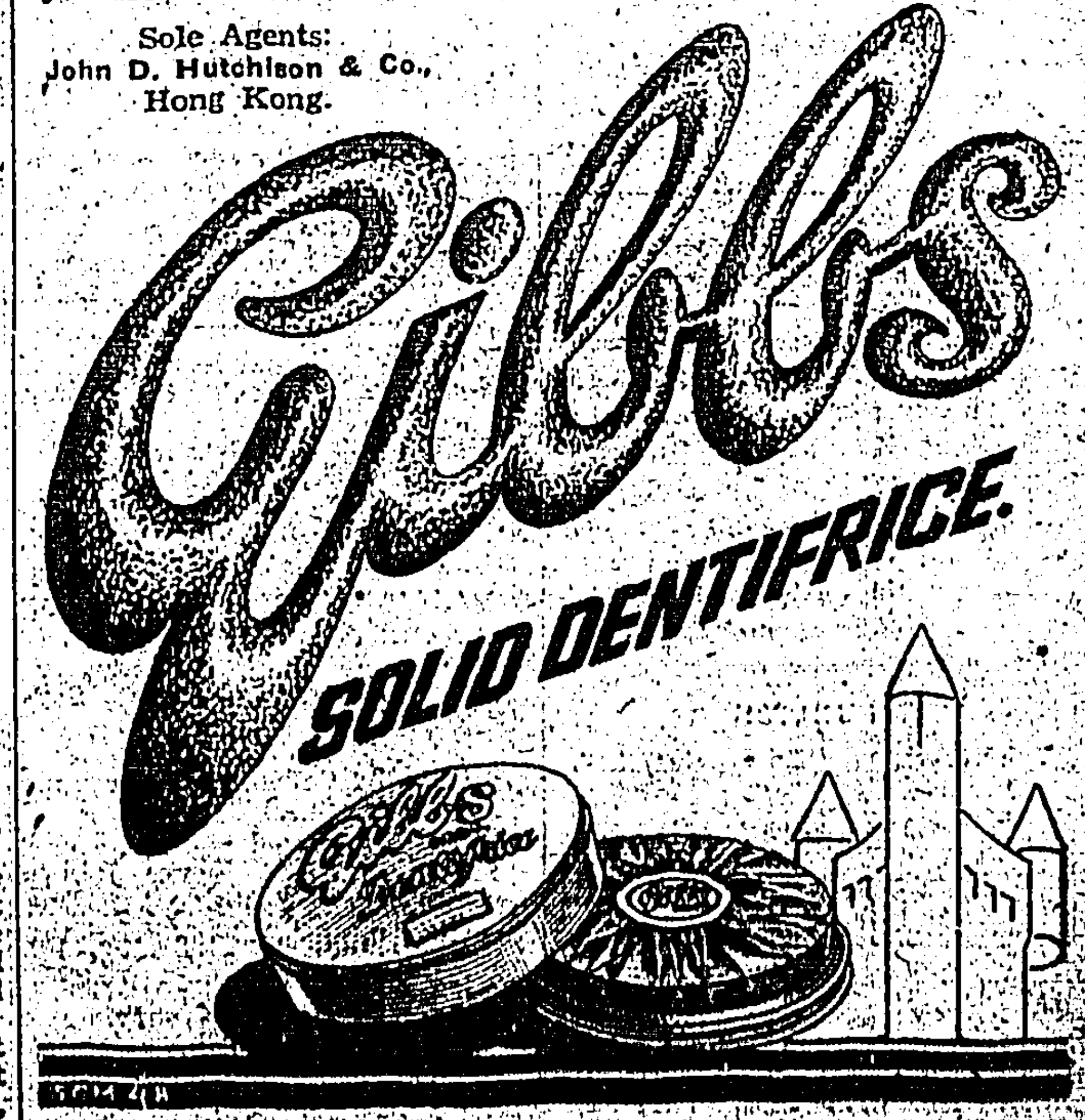
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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th September, 1940

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Report and Accounts 1939-1940.
Election of Officers 1940-1941.
General.

By Order of the General Committee,

V. C. LABRUM,

Hon. Secretary.

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1 "Zenith" Radio Set
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BRIDGE NOLES

(By The Four Aces)

PUNISHING PRESUMPTION. West, like many players, thought it a good idea to double if there was a fair chance to defeat the contract. His presumption was justly punished.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
7 6 2
A 9 6 5 2
Q J 6 3
4
Q J 10 5
10 3
8 5 2
J 9 8 5
N
W
E
S
K Q J 7
K 7 4
A Q 7 3
A K 9 8 3
8
A 10 9
K 10 6 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	3♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dbl.	Redbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the ten of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. South decided to play West for trump strength and East for the high-card strength, so promptly returned the singleton club from the dummy.

East stepped up with the club Ace and shot back his trump, South winning with the ace.

Declarer next cashed the club King, discarding one of dummy's hearts, and ruffed a club in dummy. The next step was to lead a low diamond and finesse the ten.

When that held, South ruffed his last club in the dummy and returned to his hand by finessing the diamond nine. He then cashed the King of spades and surrendered two trump tricks, making his redoubled contract.

The double, far from doing West any good, lost him 360 points plus a good deal of his partner's confidence. A second double, as every good player knows, is made when the set will be more than one trick — or at least where a redouble is out of the question.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

Q 7 3
A 6 4 2
10 8 4
K 2

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♣ Pass 10 Pass
1♠ Pass 3NT Pass
3♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. Your partner's bidding shows eleven black cards, so your Aces take care of his red cards. The spade Queen and club King should prevent his losing more than one trick in the black suits.

Score 100% for six spades; 80% for four hearts; four diamonds, or four no-trump; 60% for five spades; 20% for four spades or four clubs, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 530

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

K Q 9 4
A 8
J 8 6
K 7 6 3

The bidding:
Jacoby Moller You Schenken
10 Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WHAT THE U.S.A. IS SAYING

From the beginning of the intensified air attacks there has been much more excitement in the United States than there appears to have been anywhere in Great Britain.

Americans have never been remarkable for their reserve and they have no shyness now in discussing, even with complete strangers in public places everywhere, their hopes and fears for Great Britain. Hopes have been raised to a high pitch now that it is becoming plainer and plainer that the Germans have been taking a terrible beating. Confused as the news still is, because of the wide disparity between the British and the German claims, even the man in the street has begun to see that "the British are putting it all over the Heinies."

German "Boloney"

That was the comment of an Irish street paver, stopping for a moment to exchange greeting with a policeman. And the policeman's answer was no less characteristic.

"The Germans claim to be shootin' down three for one—boloney! Hell, they're gettin' the pants kicked off 'em. If it goes on like this for another week or two, the war'll all be over."

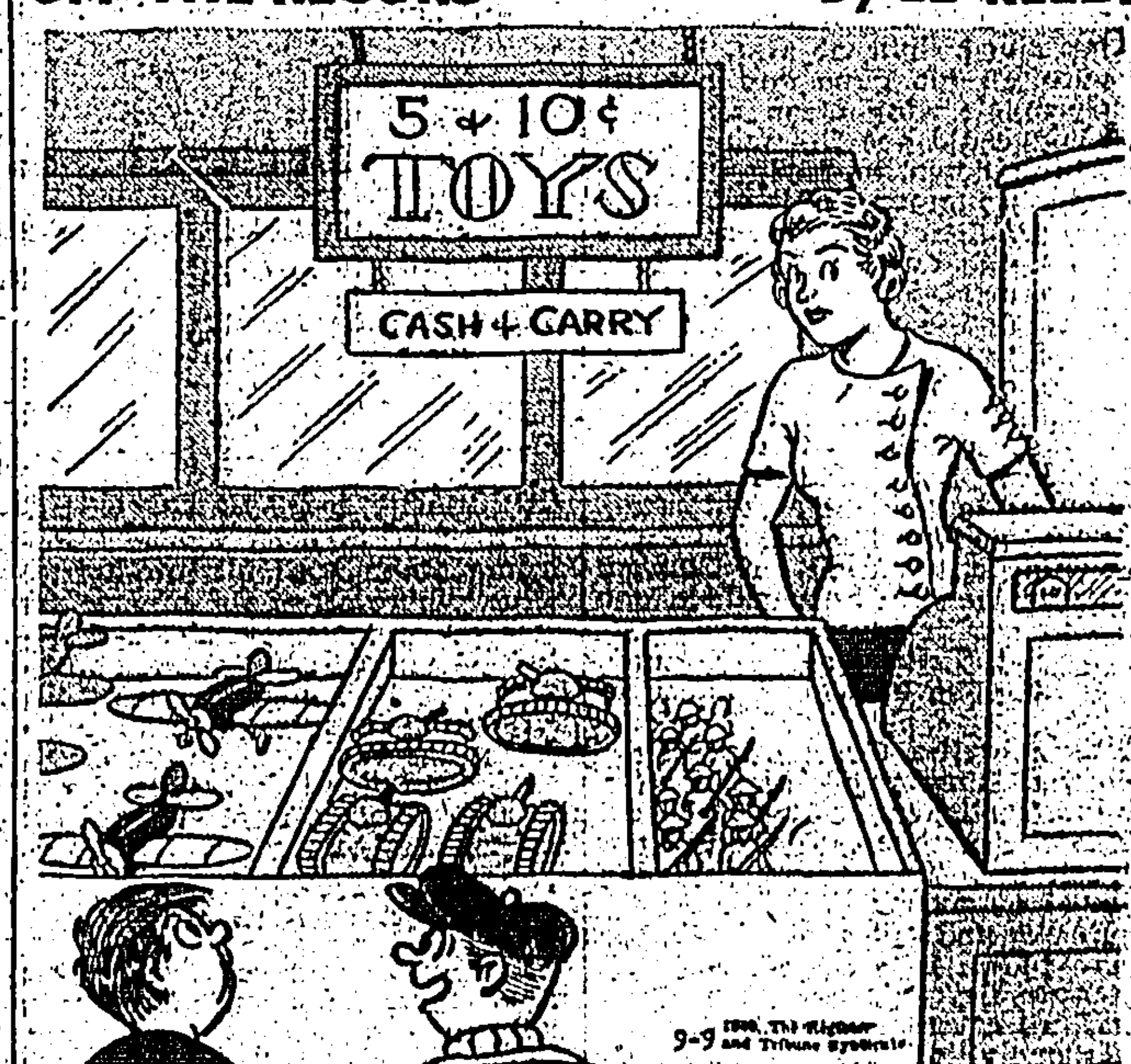
Opinion is not very different among the better educated people, who, with more knowledge than the man in the street can possess, are able to make ripper judgment. They, too, are coming to believe more and more confidently in Great Britain's power to withstand the German attacks; but they do not in general believe that the war because of that will be quickly over. There is some feeling among these people now that what is going on at present is, as a well-known aircraft designer said, "the main bout" and not merely the preliminary, however violent, to a land invasion; but this is not the universal feeling—not yet at any rate. One feeling, however, is well-nigh universal among those who have been following the raids in every detail, and that is that the Germans are rapidly reducing their first-class air personnel.

WINS MEDAL

Among Naval decorations announced is the award of the D.S.C. to a midshipman Anthony David Corkhill, of H.M.S. Devonshire. The medal is for gallantry and coolness in action against heavy odds off Norway.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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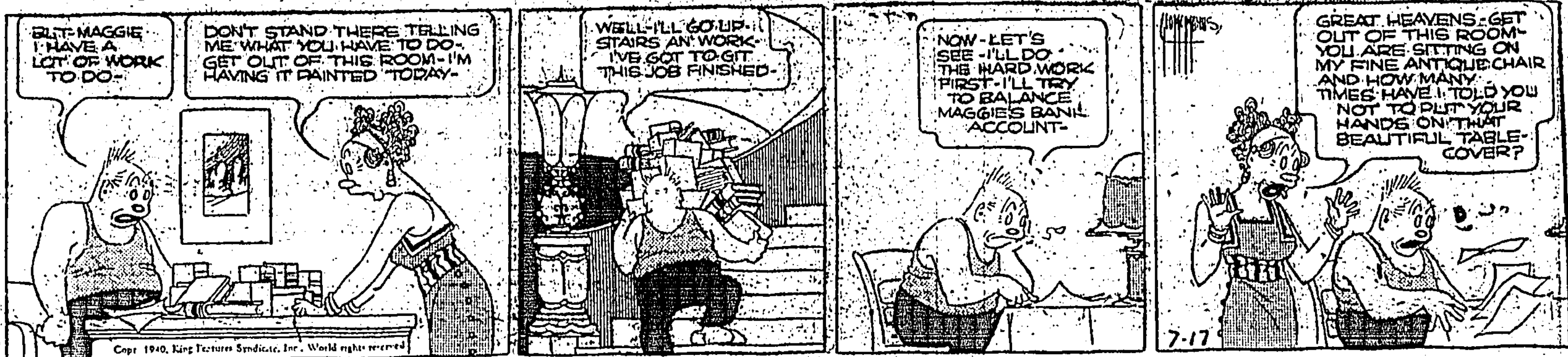
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clothes, Make-Up And Mannerisms

Dress, make-up and mannerisms, fashion the various types of women—that is the theme of a novel show at the New York World's Fair. Sixteen girls were chosen from ordinary walks of life and were refashioned to portray certain roles of womanhood. A modern farmer's wife, a suburban mother, a sophisticated play girl, a sun-loving sportswoman and a doctor's wife were the ones that caught my attention.

There isn't a professional model in the group. Not one of them was born an "oomph" girl, yet each is a streamlined beauty wearing her clothes with a charming, convincing manner. One is amazed when told that one of these girls was a dowdy school teacher, another a soda clerk and still another a filing clerk. "Those charmers?" you question. "Well, tell me how it was done!"

Experts Had A Hand

Each individual "type" was so fashioned to complement the car she drives. For instance, the outdoor girl, with bare-knee fashions, drives a snappy sport roadster in which are thrown her tennis racket and golf clubs. Her play clothes are casual and so are her make-up and coiffure. She has a friendly personality and looks as if she lived under the sun most of the day.

Whereas the doctor's wife is more dignified—wearing a long white dinner dress and gay red silk shawl. She must help her husband with his profession, so she must look and play the role of a gracious hostess and sympathetic friend. She drives a more expensive car for prestige. That girl in true life was an unattractive school teacher who had little idea how to dress attractively or use make-up to advantage.

Once the girls had been selected from the many who applied for the roles, they were given a personality analysis and sound style and make-up advice by a Fifth Avenue expert.

The next step was training. They were taught how to walk in



The Farmer's Wife Goes to Town: This is the wife of cummer, 1940, dressed to enhance her charms and increase her comfort while she drives into town to shop or pauses for tea. It's one of the costumes shown in a unique fashion show at the New York World's Fair.

good posture and with easy grace, how to talk with a smile. Long hours were spent on make-up instruction for individual types. For instance, the alert secretary must

wear her cosmetics lightly applied, while the gregarious matron may use it more liberally when she is going to a party.

Appropriate and smart hair styling made almost miraculous changes in the girls' appearances. All the cuts and coiffures were simple but keyed to the age of the girl and the shape of her face and the role she was playing.

Almost all the figures required changing. Waistlines were nipped, hips slimmed, bosoms lifted and legs and thighs streamlined.

It all sounds fantastic but a few weeks—only three in some instances—were sufficient to glamorise otherwise very plain girls who didn't know how to dress, how to comb their hair, how to use make-up and how to go about acquiring pleasing figure curves!

The moral? If they could do it—all could become more beautiful if they put their minds to doing so!

times. This is strenuous at first; go at it slowly and you will soon master it.

Exercise 4: Get down on hands and knees. Swing right knee back to chest, then extend right leg out straight as high as you can in back of you with heel of foot pointing instead of toe pointing. Repeat four times without placing knee on mat. Rest. Repeat exercise with left leg while resting on right knee. Do this 10 times in all.

Keep Hips Slim

The overweights are not the only guilty ones when it comes to heavy hips. Many women who are otherwise slender in their measurements could be called "hippy." Broad hips or rolling hips usually come from inactivity. Diet can keep the body to normal weight but only exercise can keep the body normally proportioned. Girls and women who sit a great deal during the days and evenings should adopt an exercise routine which would keep the hip measurement under control.

It has been said that the average woman sits two-thirds of her day. That is alarming. If you find yourself doing that, take to inventing activity for yourself—walk upstairs instead of taking the lift, dance if only to the radio by yourself, walk to and from your home when you go on an errand, stoop to pick up things which are on the floor. Stoop through the thighs by bending your knees instead of bending your body from the waist. Then go through the following routine without fail, every day for one month. By that time you will be more slender and you will want to get out and

Four Excellent Exercises

Exercise 1: Lie on right side with right arm under head. Place left hand in front of body to hold balance. Pull right knee up to chest. As you extend right knee downward, pull left knee up to chest. Alternate eight times. Turn on left side and repeat exercise. Do this not more than 32 times in all.

Exercise 2: Sitting position on mat. Hands placed on mat just in back of hips. Pull both knees up to chest and swing knees from right side to left side, touching floor on each side if possible. Allow yourself to travel down the mat as you swing. Rest after 12 times. Repeat 30 times in all.

Exercise 3: Lie on face. Grasp right ankle with right hand. Extend left arm straight out over head. Roll over on left side. Pull right leg backward, raising right hip very high. Roll back on face. Repeat four times in rhythm. Then clasp left ankle with left hand and repeat exercise four

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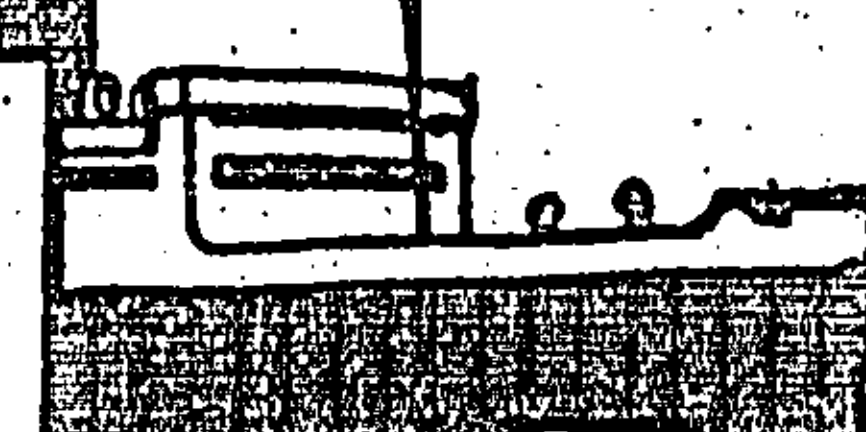
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THURSDAY
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 23rd August).

SATURDAY
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle date, 28th August).

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Par. (3/10) 5.00 p.m.
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Webster Booth and De Groot's Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.02 p.m.—A.B.C. Recording—"Flying High"—Part.
1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.45 p.m.—A. Welsh Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Variety, with Elsie Carlisle, Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins, and The Street Singer.
6.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.35 p.m.—Compositions of Friml.
7.00 p.m.—Compositions of Schumann.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Paradise Islanders.
8.30 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Hildegard.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.30 p.m.—Scarlatti—"The Good Humoured Ladies" Ballet Suite... London Philharmonic Orchestra.
9.48 p.m.—Selections from Rossini's Operas.
10.10 p.m.—Mozart—10 Variations in G Major... Lilli Kraus (Piano).
10.25 p.m.—Raymond Newell and Albert Sandler's Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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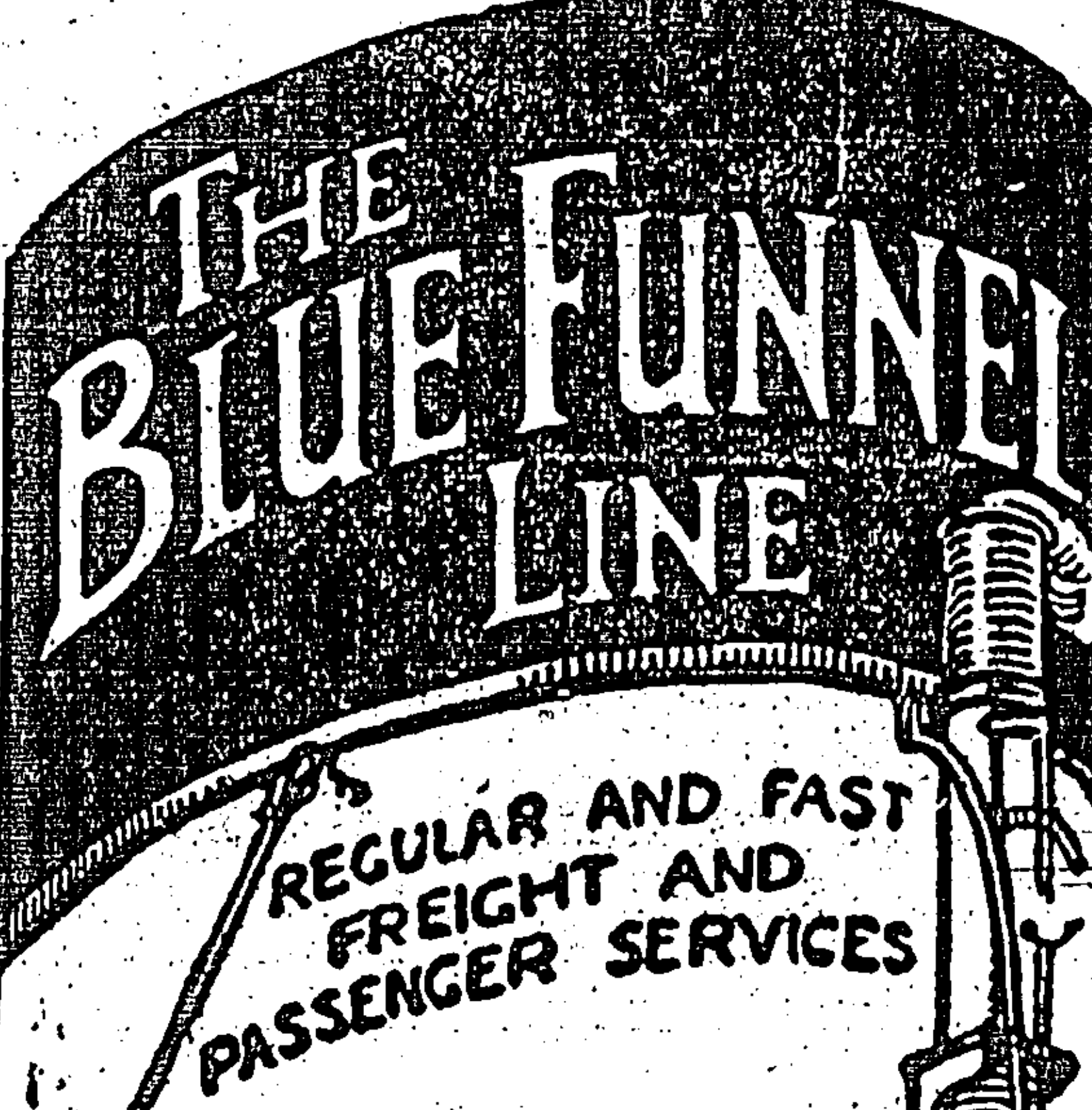
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MAIDEN ROUND TRIP

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WHEN A JOURNALIST on the staff of the "News-Chronicle" attempted to take the book, "Guilty Men," to the Isle of Man he was stopped from doing so and the book was taken from him.

He published these facts later — and — by a strange coincidence — permission was given at the airport for travellers to take the book out of the country.

"Not, of course, as a result of the article," an official of the Chief Postal Censor's office hastened to assure a reporter, "It merely happens that the Press and Censorship Bureau had just reached a decision on the book."

An official of the Ministry of Information said that the book was referred to the Press and Censorship Bureau for consideration.

On the same day a reply was given that there was no reason why the book should not go out of the country.

That reply would be in the hands of the Chief Postal Censor's department the day before the book was held up at the airport.

The official who took the book from the journalist said that he did so under the Control of Communications Order (No. 5), dated July 6, 1940.

This regulation, issued by Mr. Duff Cooper's Ministry of Information, increased the powers of port officials over travellers carrying newspapers, books, maps, drawings and other documents, goods or commodities.

"Guilty Men" is a slashing indictment by "Cato" of Cabinet Ministers who, in his opinion, had

been responsible for bringing Britain to the verge of military impotence. Certain political writings are barred at the ports, it was stated at the Postal Censor's Office, and the responsible officials, Customs, immigration and field security officers have a list of these, "Guilty Men" was never on the list.

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Try, Try Again

A representative of the Travelers' Censorship Office in Liverpool said that special permission would be needed to take certain books abroad which are on the prohibited list.

In Government departments in London there was strong disinclination to agree that they had any say in the administration of the Control of Communication regulations.

The Home Office said it was a matter for the Ministry of Information or the Customs and Excise officials.

The Ministry of Information referred a reporter to the Post Office, the Customs passed him to their War Division, who advised him to try the Home Office.

Another inquiry at the Ministry of Information yielded the answer that the reporter should try the Home Office.

If that was not the right place — "try Travellers' Censorship and ask for Major Gompertz."

When the reporter did so, he was told that if he meant Brigadier-General Gompertz, he had left that department.

The proper person to consult was the Chief Postal Censor at Aintree, Lancashire.

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Unsatisfactory Officials In Women's League

Two Divisions Are Possible In The Men's League

BREAKING INTO ITS fourth year, the local softball season officially commenced at a meeting held at the Filipino Club last week, when officers for the year were elected.

Increasing popularity of this sport has been shown by the application of several new teams for permission to join the League this year, whilst at least two teams which have participated in inter-league tournaments, intend to make similar applications, and it is envisaged that at least 20 teams will be registered in the Men's League.

Last year's sixteen team loop, which only permitted one round being played off, did not prove altogether satisfactory as many of the teams did not come up to certain standards, with the result that most of the games were rather one-sided.

Bearing this in mind, and in view of the larger number of entrants, it is possible that a Senior and Junior League may be organised; however, nothing will be done until all entries have been received.

At the meeting, a startling revelation was made. Certain teams were found to be in arrears with regard to their entrance fees for last year, although how this could happen is a mystery, especially when one of the conditions was that all fees must be fully paid in advance.

New Condition

A new condition of registration was also made, which would provide a check on Volunteers away on exercises.

In future, Corps unit of all Volunteers must be given at the time of their registration.

This step has been found necessary, as in the past certain teams have postponed games when only one of their players has been away. The conditions of postponement states that at least three members of the team must be so affected.

Central British Association and the Club de Recreio have again kindly placed their ground at the disposal of the League, and there is also the possibility of Kowloon Football ground being granted for use of the Ladies' League.

It is earnestly hoped that the League Committee will do something about the "Umpire" question, which has been neglected for so long. The umpires, especially those in the Ladies' League, have always been a source of complaint, often being picked out from the spectators.

Ignorance Spoils Games

Whilst appreciating the cooperation of these helpful gentlemen, it must be admitted that their

ignorance of the rules spoils the game too much for their assistance to be of any use, and ill-feeling has often been created.

One suggestion is for the League to hold an Umpire's class, and only those passing a written test will be qualified to officiate in any League game. Then only can the players be assured of having experts to umpire their games.

The umpires' class every year has been poorly supported, but if certificates of qualification are given, I am sure there will be more support.

Team Managers are reminded that entries close to-morrow, and a meeting will be held the day after for the discussion of various matters affecting the coming season.

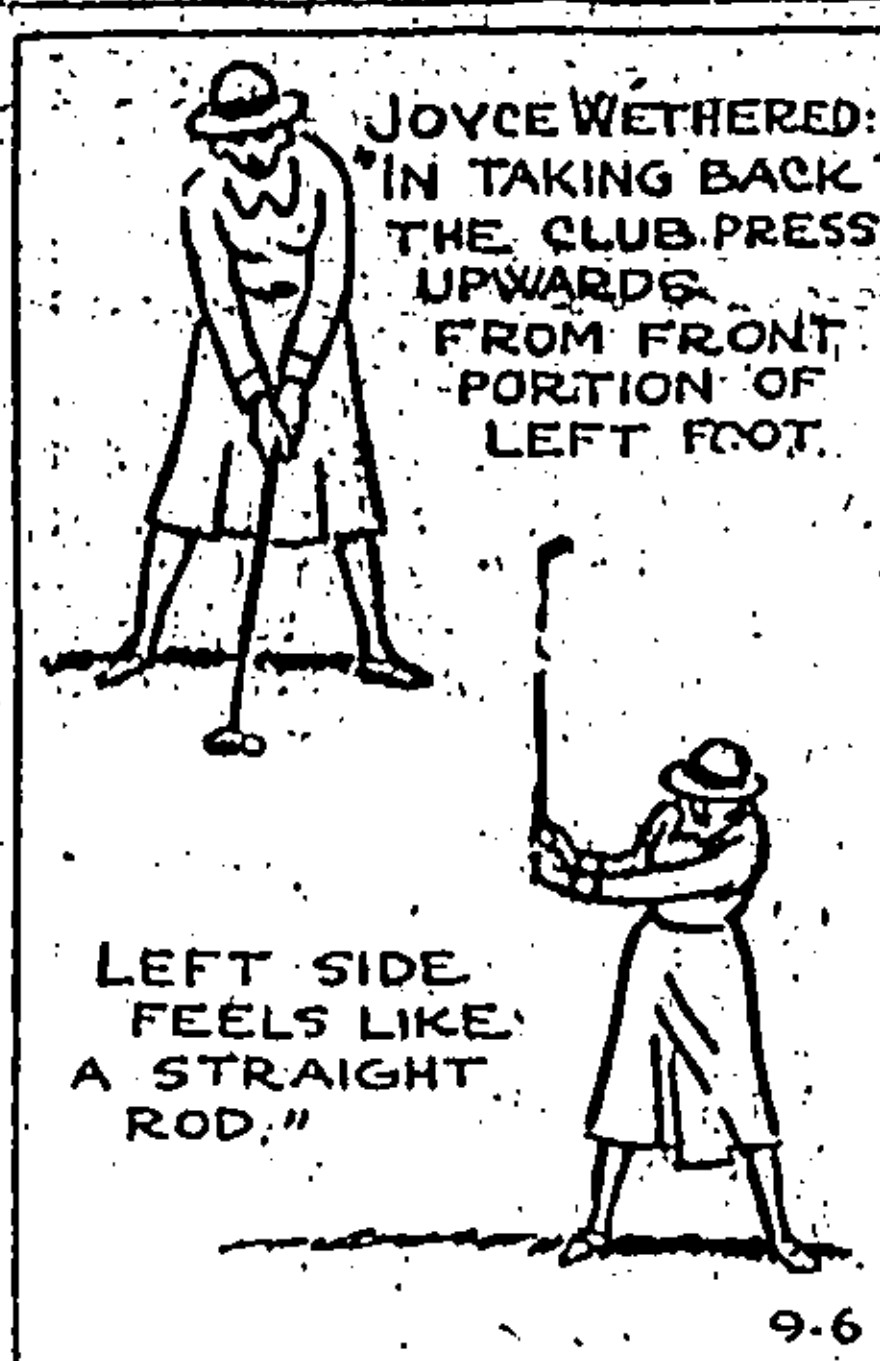
ARMY TENNIS

In the Semi-Final of the Army Tennis Open Doubles tournament played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat L/Cpl. Shaw and Spr. Elsley of Royal Engineers, by 7-5, 7-5.

Also in the Third Round matches of the same tournament, S/Sgt. Adlam and Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) beat Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) in the Fourth Round matches of the Army Tennis Open Singles Tournament, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

GRAPHIC GOLF



A Firm Left Side

By BEST BALL

The best swing in golf, that's the way Bobby Jones described Joyce Wethered's game, whose backstroke is illustrated above. Her stance is characterised by firmness to prevent too much body movement. Yet her pivot is smooth and complete. For a long time she practiced turning from left to right and vice versa, often-times with no club in her hands until the idea became muscle-memory perfect.

"In taking back the club press upwards from the front portion of the left foot," is Miss Wethered's advice to golfers, "until the left side feels like a straight rod right up to the left shoulder. This tension between shoulder and foot gives firmness to left side." Care must be taken, suggests the former English champion, that the left shoulder does not rise. It must resist the pressure brought on by this upward push. Miss Wethered has divided the backswing movement into a few separate categories. The first step is the halfway mark in the backstroke above. Too many movements tend to obscure the real objective; that of hitting the ball. Next Article:—Keep Position Constant During Stroke.

POLISHED BASEBALL DISPLAY BY MOHAWKS

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING A brand of baseball that would have beaten any team in the local League, bar none, the Stanley Mohawks massacred the South China nine in a friendly tilt on Saturday by a 12-2 verdict.

Those who were not at Caroline Hill last Saturday missed a treat which will not be repeated for some time—at least not this year, as this is probably the last baseball game for the season.

Woods worked on the mound for the Mohawks, and went the whole route. Although only whiffing two and allowing four passes, he pitched a no hit, no run, no error game for four innings.

Harry Chinn's single in the fifth gave the Chinese their first mark. Their only other run was made, also in the fifth, when first-sacker Kenyon dropped the pill to let Wong score with two out. This was the only Mohawk bobbie.

Started Well

The South China squad started well with Lau on the hillcock, and held the Mohawks scoreless in the first two frames. Then came the disastrous third, when Romeo Ha booted to allow Wood to make first. Two successive Annie Oakleys choked the bases with Mohawks. Lau showed signs of cracking up and Walters doubted his next offering to score Morgan and Chase. Two more passes to first had the sacks soused again, and three more Mohawks ramblod over

the plate on Rogers' double. Lau was then yanked in favour of Bill Chang who took over mound duties, but the damage was done.

Nine Mohawk runs came in during that hectic inning. In the fifth and the sixth the Stanley Mohawks chalked up three more runs to total 12 for the whole game. Chase took batting honours with his two blows in two trips to the plate, whilst Morgan's three-bagger was the longest hit of the day.

Although Kenyon committed the only error of the side, he was easily the most brilliant player on the field, and assisted in the only double-killing of the tussle, when he scooped up C. W. Wong's grounder three yards away from the first sack, and filled the pellet down to Chase, nabbing Bob Law who was forced to second. The pill was shot back in plenty of time before Wong reached first, completing the double-killing.

The play was so quick that for a minute the spectators didn't know what had happened.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Causeway Bay on Saturday Middlesex opened their soccer season with a fine win over Navy by 3-2. It was a very fast and keen game with lots of thrills and spills. The Navy where the first to score through a spot kick taken by Hendy, after Freshwater had handled the ball.

Association Football This was soon equalised by Saw from the spot after a similar offence by Honeywill, both penalties occurring in two minutes. Jackson who played in goal for the soldiers was outstanding and deserved full honours. Freshwater and Parker at back played well although Parker was a little erratic, and rather left Freshwater to cover up his mistakes. The halves were sound. Sheehan at right half being a hard worker. Both the winners played good games and Coomer at outside-right scored a beautiful goal after Pearson had given him an opening from which he made no mistake.

Royal Scots were entertained by Eastern at Caroline Hill on Sunday, the latter emerging victors by 4 goals to 1. The Scots did not seem to play as well as in previous games and if it had not been for Duncan in goal the score would have been much larger. Fraser and Naysmith played their usual game and showed complete understanding of each other's play. Falconer at centre-half was the best of the pivot line and on many occasions broke up the opposing forwards' play. Hossack tried hard to get through but lacked support from his partners.

Middlesex juniors outclassed Navy juniors in a fast game at Causeway Bay on Saturday with a win of 3 goals to 1.

Revell and Bindon are a reliable pair of backs, although Revell will need a little more practice for League football; it was his first appearance in the League. The first half ended without score. The Middies forwards were much faster and fitter than their opponents. Heliadis on the left wing played a good game and scored one of his side's goals. McEachran is a clever schemer and distributes the ball well but Jennings was inclined to hang too far back and consequently when the ball was centred there was no-one in the middle to receive it.

Royal Scots severely trounced Ordnance Corps to the tune of 8 goals to 1 in Second Division. Clark the Scots' goal-keeper had very little to do owing to his front men, Parnaby and Thompson, covering well and causing Ordnance much trouble. The Scots' halves played exceedingly well and gave their forwards plenty of well-timed passes. Crawford and Gibb were outstanding on the wings, passing the ball to their other forwards and wasting no time. Auld in the centre played well and scored four of the goals. Reynolds in the Ordnance goal played a fine game although eight goals were sent past him; he was poorly supported by his backs. Nicholl played well in the half line and tried hard to get his forwards going, whilst always dropping back to help out his defence.

Royal Air Force once again proved their worth by defeating the Service Corps by five clear goals. The Airmen were far superior in all positions and took control of the game from the start. Reid was the best player on the Rogers' side and stopped the Airmen from getting a much larger score. The Sappers on the Club ground ran amuck to win by 9 goals to 1 against the Club juniors, which puts them on top of Second Division, although it is rather early in the season to draw any conclusions.

Fox, the Army and Interport player, scored no less than five times and played the best game on the field. Polham his inside-left scored three and Li Wal-lain scored the odd one.

Signals met International Football Club at Happy Valley and shared the spoils, both sides scoring two each. Both teams played good football, and if the Signals had not slackened off during the last few minutes of the game, they might have left the field with both points. Brockenbury did not play as well as usual, but managed to score one for his side. Parry, the inside-right, played a sound game and with his partner, Dignan, displayed good combination, being the main trouble to the Internationals.

To-day the Signals are playing the Kumaon Rifles at Happy Valley in a friendly match, getting tuned up for the Small Units knock-out competition.

At the Army Emergency Committee meeting held last Thursday the draw for the Small Units knock-out competition was made and resulted as below. The first matches to be played off before the 21st October, 1940.

First Round:— 12th Hvy Bty v B Coy 1/Middlesex R.; D Coy 1/Middlesex v H.Q. Coy 2/R. Scots; C Coy 1/Midd'x v A Coy 2/R. Scots; 35 (M) CD Bty v 27 (F) Coy R.E.s; A Coy 1/Midd'x v H.K. Coy C.M.P.; D Coy 2/R. Scots v H.K. Signal Coy, R.C. Signals; R.A.F. v 7th A.A. Bty R.A.; B Coy 2/R. Scots v 27 Coy R.A.M.C.; C Coy 2/R. Scots v 30th Hvy Bty R.A.

Second Round:— 40 (F) Coy R.E.s v H.Q. Coy 1/Middlesex R.; 36th Hvy Bty v 20th Hvy Bty; 12 Coy R.A.S.C. v C Coy R. Scots or 30th Hvy Bty, R.A.; 8 Section R.A.O.C. v 24th Hvy Bty.

The second round must be completed by Monday, November 11th; the third round by the 25th November; the Semi-finals by December 15th; and the Finals will be decided at a date to be fixed later.

It is proposed to ask the General Officer Commanding to present the prizes to the winners and runners up.

IN their first two matches of the season the Engineers registered two wins. The first they defeated the Medicos by 56 runs. The Engineers batted first and scored 138 for 8.

Cricket dec. Cpl. Hawkins did not bat. Sappers Ratcliffe, Tropp and L/Cpl. Shaw all batted well, and between them made 74 runs. Ratcliffe took 7 wickets for 40 runs and Lowe took 2 for 17.

Against the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. the Sappers got a shock when they were all out for 78 runs, and at the tea-interval the Gunners were 60 for four and looked like walking away with the game.

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LAWN BOWLERS WITHIN THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WILL HAVE YET ANOTHER COMPETITION WITH WHICH TO WIND UP THE SEASON.

At a meeting of Unit representatives held yesterday at Volunteer Headquarters under the chairmanship of Capt. A. W. Brown, of No. 2 Company, it was decided that a competition on knock-out lines would be held at an early date.

In introducing the scheme Capt. Brown said that the meeting had probably all seen the scheme outlined in the "China Mail" the previous Friday, followed by the notice in Corps orders the following day. It was, thought Capt. Brown, a very good idea. There were many lawn bowlers within the Corps, he continued, and there should be considerable interest.

Greatest factor, competition between units of the Corps was a very good thing.

The question of greens was next gone into and Mr. J. G. Meyer, who was elected Hon. Secretary, assured the meeting that there would be no difficulty in this respect. Mr. Meyer said that he was fairly certain of being able to secure almost 16 greens on any Sunday.

The original scheme called for two rinks from each unit but, as some of the smaller units were desirous of preserving their unity, it was decided that units could enter as many teams of one rink as they desired—more or less on the lines of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup competition.

Trophy Offered

Capt. Brown, on behalf of the Corps, gratefully accepted the offer of a challenge cup which was made by the "China Mail" and it was decided that the competition should be known as the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Competition for the "China Mail" Cup.

On the proposal of Mr. Meyer, it was decided that a charge of \$5 per rink would be made, proceeds to be given to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

Entries will close on Friday week and the first round will be played on Sunday week, the 13th inst. It is estimated that not less than 32 teams will be taking part.

The following sub-committee was appointed to go into the various aspects of the competition:—Capt. A. W. Brown (Chairman), Sgt. J. G. Meyer, Sgt. M. N. Rakusen and Pte. H. A. Alves.

OPEN SINGLES RESULTS

Following were the results of games played in the Third Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship.

At Police R.C.
W. J. Howard defeated W. R. Hillyer 21-15.

At Kowloon F.C.
H. White beat F. X. da Silva 21-10.

At Kowloon Cricket Club.
E. C. Fincher beat R. Bass 21-13.

At Kowloon B.C.
W. Gill beat C. C. Pereira 21-19.

ROYAL SCOTS GALT

Royal Scots will hold a swimming gala to-morrow at 7 p.m. when a five-a-side water polo tournament on the knock-out basis between six teams will be included in the programme. The six teams are Royal Air Force, Middlesex, a naval team, Royal Corps of Signals and two from Royal Scots.

There is also an invitation relay race to which the Volunteers have been invited.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The Hong Kong Rifle Association will open its 1940-41 season with a shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday next, commencing at 8.45 a.m. The practices will be at 200, 300 and 400 yards with one sighter and seven shots to count at each range. Only S.R. (a) rifles will be allowed.

MANILA PREPARES

The first of the three swimming tryouts to select the members of the Philippine swimming contingent which will participate in the first Manila-Hong Kong interport swimming meet will start on Sunday at the Rizal Memorial Natatorium. The meet will be held on Oct. 23, 24 and 25 in Hong Kong states the "Manila Bulletin" in their issue of Thursday last.

The tryouts will be open to all swimmers, but all local institutions which have swimming teams will be asked to enter candidates. The Philippine team will be composed of 14 men swimmers and 8 women splashes. The local team is scheduled to sail from Manila on October 19 and will return on October 28. Since the swimming meet will take place during semestral vacation, swimmers in the various schools and colleges will be able to make the trip.

Crack Swimmers

Judging from the results of the N.C.A.A. (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and the P.A.A.F. (Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation) swimming meets, the local team will be represented by a crack array of youthful swimmers.

Two championships will be held in Hong Kong, one for men and another for women. There will also be a 3-metre spring board diving competition which will be held in connection with the meet.

The men's events are: 110, 220 and 440 yards free-style, 100 and 200 yards breast-stroke, 100 and 200 yards back-stroke, 4 x 100 yards relay and a 3 x 100 yards medley relay.

The women's events will consist of 50 and 100 yards free-style, 50 and 100 yards breast-stroke, 50 and 100 yards back-stroke, 4 x 50 yards relay and 3 x 50 yards medley relay.

Hong Kong officials have suggested the inclusion of two more events in the men's programme, the 50-yard free-style and the 150-yard medley (individual). No definite arrangement has been made regarding the inclusion of these events.

Tryouts will also be held on October 3 and October 6.

ILDEFONSO COMING HERE

It was learned yesterday that Deofilo Ildefonso, nephew of Mr. L. R. Ildefonso of Hong Kong will probably be coming here with the Manila Interport swimming contingent, due to arrive next month for the swimming Interport. Young Ildefonso came third in the World Olympics at Berlin in 1932 in the 200 metres breast-stroke event, and took third at the world meeting at Los Angeles in 1936. He has consistently won the event in Far Eastern Olympiads.

INTERPORT SWIMMING TRIALS

A meeting of Club secretaries to discuss arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Interport swimming contest with Manila, was held at the Victoria Recreation Club.

It was decided that a trial for the 100 yards back-stroke event be held to-morrow, and it was stated that W. Lawrence would probably be taking part in the trial.

Miss Sai Wai-ying and Miss Lee Po-luen have entered for the 50 yards back-stroke and breast-stroke respectively.

Mr. A. O. Barretto said the conditions of the visit were that Manila were to pay their own passages and Hong Kong were to bear all other expenses. The gate was to go to the Victoria Recreation Club.

The trials will be held to-morrow at 6 p.m. and an admission charge of 20 cents will be made, the money to be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Following are the events for to-morrow's trial.

MEN'S
100 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Breast-Stroke.
WOMEN'S
50 Yards Back-Stroke.
50 Yards Breast-Stroke.

University Swimming

The Hong Kong University Swimming Club will hold its eighth annual inter-hostel aquatic sports at the European Y.M.C.A. on Saturday at 2 p.m.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

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HOCKEY is once again getting into swing and last Friday the Engineers met the Police in a friendly

Hockey and defeated them 3 goals to nil. The goals being scored by: Taylor (4), Grosten (1) and Twomey (1).

At Shamshuiipo on Monday H.Q. Company, Middlesex, beat H.Q. Company of the Royal Scots to the tune of 6 goals to nil. The Scots team was very weak owing to them having to field a football team as well.

To-morrow at Shamshuiipo the 5/6 Rajputana Rifles (officers) will play the rest of the garrison (officers) bully off 4.15 p.m.

At the Annual meeting of the Unit Boxing representatives held last Saturday, the following points were decided:—

The Individual Novices boxing competition to be held in absence of the Command Novices inter-unit Championships to be held at the end of January or the beginning of February; the Command Open Inter-Unit Individuals to be held in the first week in March; and the Command Inter-Unit Team Championships to be held in the first week of April, 1941.

Rugby The Hong Kong Signals will play the Medicals in a friendly Rugby match to-morrow at Sookun pao.

NEW DEVICE FOR TIMING ON TRACK

AN ELECTRIC TIMER and place picker for track meets has been invented and placed into use in Fresno State College's Ratcliffe stadium, scene of the annual West Coast Relays and of this year's 52nd National A. A. U. Championship, writes Robert Fahs, U.P. Staff Correspondent.

The unique mechanical device was built by H. C. Burbridge, head of the physics department of Fresno State College. The invention was introduced during the California Collegiate Athletic Association track and field championships in Fresno.

Burbridge said the device was constructed as a finishing gate for the 100-yard and 220-yard track events. It was built to time each man finishing a race to the exact 1/100 of a second.

Rods Are Shoulders High

The invention consists of an overhead apparatus with bamboo rods hanging down to mark each lane. The rods are about shoulder high, or the normal height of the finishing tape. Across the pair of rods for each lane is stretched a thread-like metal wire connected to a delicate electric switch. When the wire is broken, the timing device stops.

The device is put into operation when a wire attachment on the starter's gun closes an electric circuit at the instant the starting shot is fired.

Burbridge said the finishing gate was made by putting together well known and comparatively simple electrical parts and can be constructed for about one-fifth the cost of timers involving photo electric cells. He said he planned to patent the invention and could construct units at a maximum of \$300.

During the first use of the invention at the CCAA meet, runners had a tendency to duck as they went under the finishing gate, but it was believed greater use of the gate would eliminate any such tendencies.

Accuracy Is Already Tested

"The accuracy of the device," Burbridge said, "was indicated at the CCAA meet in which two men in the 220-yard low hurdle race had times within 4/100s of a second of each other. This difference indicated the faster man was a few inches ahead of the next man, which was exactly the way the judges found it."

"The device," he said, "is somewhat revolutionary because track records now in existence will be slowed down 1/10 of a second in some cases if the electric timer is used in place of the human timekeeper."

"Psychologists have shown from a wide series of tests that if an individual receives through sight or hearing an impression calling for action, it requires about 1/16 of a second for him to make the required motions. If we add to this delay the natural tendency of

the timekeeper to give the runner every advantage in the hope of making better records, it is readily evident errors must appear in timing short runs."

Burbridge said the device also would have advantages in training track athletes since the coach may supervise the starting form of his runners and use the machine to time each man exactly.



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MRS. H. W. R. WILLIAMS' GOLF SUCCESS

Private information states that Mrs. H. W. R. Williams (wife of Major Williams) lately of Hong Kong won the final of the Singapore Ladies Championship recently held at Bukit Timah Old Course by 5 and 3, and that her score for the 18 holes was 81!



MACLEANS TOOTH PASTE

"BRITISH To the Teeth"

AIR WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

Blenheims In Expedition Against Massawa

NAZI PILOT SHOOT HIS LEADER DOWN!

One of the strangest incidents of the present air war occurred over England on Monday when a German fighter was brought down by another German fighter in the same squadron.

A Group-Captain of the R.A.F. was flying escort 17,000 feet when he met 18 Nazi bombers, with a fighter escort above, over Surrey.

He attacked the bombers head-on, turning them away.

He turned his attention to the fighters and found three of them attacking another Hurricane, which dived out of their reach.

The German fighters were strung out in a line after the British plane and as the British Group Captain was about to dive on them, the first Nazi fighter burst into flames.

Apparently the pilot of the second German fighter was so excited he shot his own leader down.

He did not last long. The R.A.F. Group Captain shot him down. — Reuter.

CONGO SHORTWAVE STATION

THE NEW BELGIAN CONGO SHORT-WAVE RADIO SERVICE WAS INAUGURATED LAST NIGHT BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, WHO READ A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MR. DUFF-COOPER, BRITISH MINISTER OF INFORMATION.

The service will include relays of British news services. — Reuter.

Six Italian Machines Destroyed

THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were definitely destroyed, two being blown up and another set afire, and other machines are believed to have been severely damaged, in a low-level attack by Blenheim aircraft on Massawa aerodrome, stated an R.A.F. communique in Cairo yesterday.

The aerodrome buildings were also attacked, two of them suffering direct hits.

On the homeward journey one flight of R.A.F. aircraft were intercepted by 15 fighters and in the ensuing engagement two enemy fighters were shot down and a third fell in flames. One Blenheim is missing.

A raid was carried out on Tobruk where a large fire was started among buildings on the foreshore. A ship in harbour is also believed to have received a direct hit.

Operating from the Sudan R.A.F. bombers raided Gura. In the target area a large flash occurred followed by heavy smoke and flames. One R.A.F. aircraft failed to return.

An enemy bomber attempted to raid Aden but was intercepted by our fighters and when last seen the enemy machine was belching black smoke from its port engine.

Railway Bombed

The railway of Culdehar, Italian East Africa, was attacked and a direct hit registered on the entrance to a tunnel while other bombs struck the concrete

facing leading to the tunnel and railway line.

Bombs were dropped on military quarters and a jetty at Berbera and some buildings were hit. — Reuter.

ITALIANS SINK ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP

ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP HAS BEEN SUNK BY THE ITALIANS.

On Saturday, it was learned in London yesterday, an Italian submarine sank the Spanish Monte Moncayo, of about 4,300 tons, off the coast of Sicily.

Four of the ship's crew were killed. — Reuter.

Previous Sinkings

It is recalled that on Sept. 19 the Spanish trawler *Almirante Jose de Carranza* was torpedoed and sunk by an Italian submarine with only one survivor. Yet another Spanish ship, the *Cabo Tortosa* (3,302 tons) was torpedoed and sunk with no survivors. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PRESSURE IN SYRIA

Reports are reaching Cairo of further far-reaching demands by the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria.

These seem to be directed towards giving Germany and Italy further holds on Syria.

They are reported to include authorisation for the return of many German propagandists; for the publication of an Italian newspaper in Beyrouth subject only to Italian censorship; for the publication of German and Italian war communiques in the local press; and permission for Germans and Italians to wear party badges when they please and for them to resume organisation of youth movements. — Reuter.

KUNMING ALARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following the appearance of a single Japanese plane near Kunming at 7 a.m. yesterday, the air raid alarm in the city was sounded an hour afterwards and 27 bombers and pursuit aircraft were reported heading for the city from Indo-China.

The invading aircraft, however, failed to reach Kunming, but emptied their bomb racks around Kalyan.

The "all clear" was sounded at 1 p.m.

WARMEST SEPTEMBER ON RECORD

Last month was the warmest September on record, says the report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr. C. W. Jeffries.

The weather was mainly fine and sunny; there were occasional showers during the earlier part of the month, but from the 21st onward the weather was dry and hot, except for a brief rain-storm on the 28th.

The mean temperature for the month was 82.4°F; this is 2° above normal, and is a record for September. A maximum of 92.1° was recorded on the 1st, and a minimum of 75.1° on the 5th. The mean relative humidity was 79%, which is normal.

Sunshine amounted to 236 hours, which is 38 hours above normal; it was the sunniest September since 1925.

The long spell of excessive rainfall, which had persisted since March, came to an end, and the total rainfall for September was only 3.59 inches, which is about one third of the normal.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 37 m.p.h. at 2.30 p.m. on the 30th.

SUSTAINED ATTACKS ON THE BERLIN AREA

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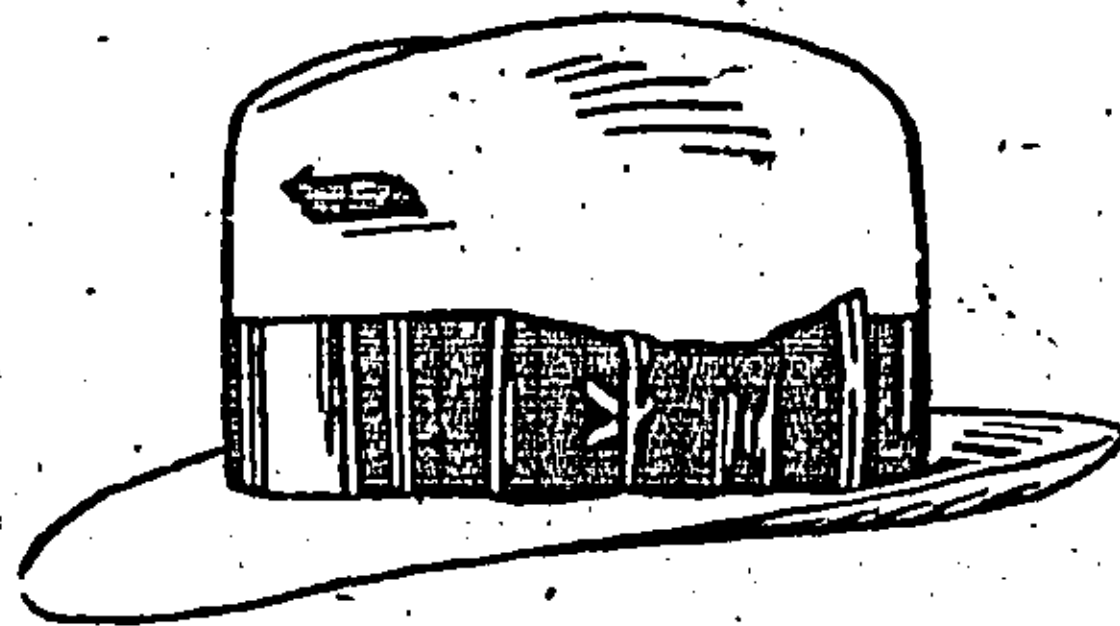
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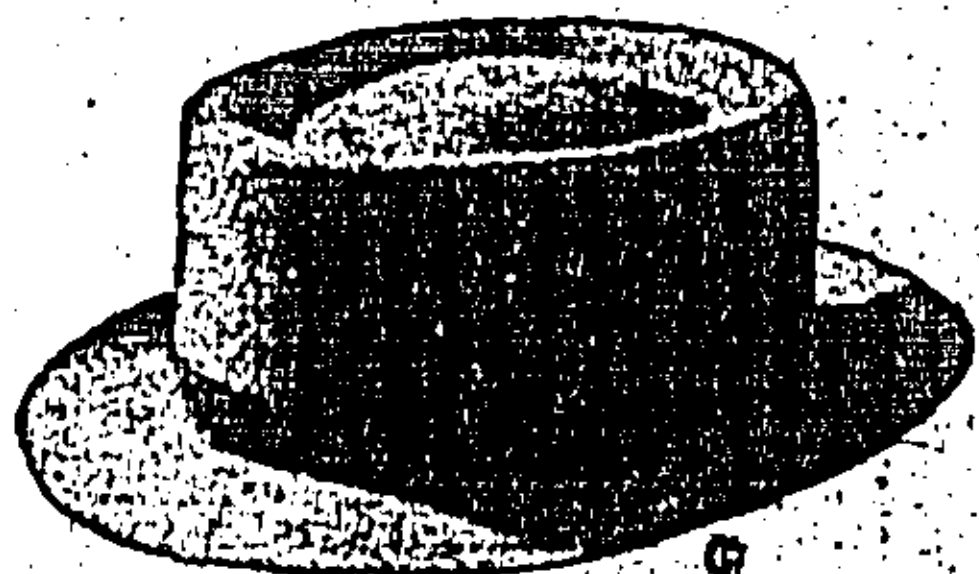
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Heavy Bombers Over Nazi Capital For Four Hours Ammunition Train Goes Up At Mannheim

DETERDING HEIR REPORTED MISSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Henry Deterding, son of the Dutch oil king and heir to a fortune of £2,000,000, is reported missing following the last German air raid on London, the "Svenka Dagbladet" reported in Stockholm yesterday. —Havas.

SOVIET ARMY GAMES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SATISFACTION OVER THE SHOWING OF THE SOVIET TROOPS DURING MANOEUVRES JUST CONCLUDED IN THE KIEV MILITARY REGION WAS EXPRESSED YESTERDAY BY THE WAR COMMISSAR, MARSHAL TIMOCHENKO, IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY.

The manoeuvres were carried out under the personal direction of the Marshal.

Basic theme was defence fortifications against infiltration by enemy armoured units.

Theoretical conclusions reached as a result of the manoeuvres were also revealed yesterday by the Chief of Staff of the Red Army. —Havas.

LONG-RANGE POLICY

FURTHER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE EXPECTED AFTER THE RETURN TO SPAIN FROM ITALY OF SENIOR SERRANO SUNER, SPANISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR. IT WAS HINTED IN MADRID YESTERDAY.

It is suggested that a long-range policy has been drawn up.

A message from Rome to the daily "Pueblo," however, suggests little change in Spanish policy is likely to result from Serrano Suner's mission. —Reuter.

STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. BOMBERS CARRIED OUT SUSTAINED ATTACKS IN THE BERLIN AREA AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT, AND OTHER FORCES OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT BOMBED A WIDE SERIES OF OBJECTIVES IN GERMANY AS WELL AS THE INVASION PORTS, WHICH RECEIVED THEIR USUAL NIGHTLY BLASTING.

Our planes attacked oil refineries at Leuna and Hanover, an aircraft factory at Rottenburg, a munitions factory near Magdeburg, goods yards and rail communications at Bremen, Ehrang, Osnabruck, Mannheim and Brussels, docks at Cuxhaven and Amsterdam, the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, and Le Havre and several enemy aerodromes.

In the course of these operations, an aircraft of the Bomber Command engaged and shot down an enemy aircraft into the sea.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command operating with the Fleet Air Arm attacked docks and petrol stores at Rotterdam and Blandingen, shipping and stores at Ostend and set fire to an oil dump at Hamstede aerodrome. Five of our aircraft are missing.

Berlin Raids

Describing the sustained attacks the Air Ministry news service states that the west power station in Berlin, badly damaged in previous raids, was clearly identified by flares and a few minutes after the first stick of bombs had fallen there was a large explosion and numerous fires.

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GUNS AGAIN BOOM OVER LONDON

A big gun barrage from batteries in London suburbs opened with a shuddering roar as enemy raiders paid their nightly visit to the capital last night. —Reuter.

CHOLERA DOWN

Four cases of cholera — three from Kowloon and one from the New Territories — were registered yesterday by the Health Authorities.

There were also 12 cases of typhoid, 33 of tuberculosis, and seven of dysentery.

AUSTRALIAN AIR SQUADRONS FOR SINGAPORE

Announcing that a number of Australian Air Force squadrons were going to Malaya, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, said in Melbourne yesterday the units would not add to the present strength of the station but would relieve R.A.F. units needed elsewhere. —Reuter.

PEARL BUCK RAISES FUNDS FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

About US\$90,000 has already been raised by Pearl Buck, the famous authoress, for medical relief among the Chinese people, it was stated in Chungking today.

The money was raised by Miss Buck's Book of Hope movement. Every American woman signs the book must contribute US\$30 and Mrs. Roosevelt is among those who have signed. The fund is still growing. —Havas.

BRITONS ROUGHLY HANDLED

The British Consul in Bucharest last night visited the Britons arrested by the Rumanian authorities, including Mrs. Tracy, wife of a Canadian mining engineer, a few minutes after permission was given by General Antonescu, Rumanian Dictator.

The Consul said the Rumanian authorities admit two of the Britons had been ill treated.

All appeared haggard and depressed but bore no signs of serious physical harm.

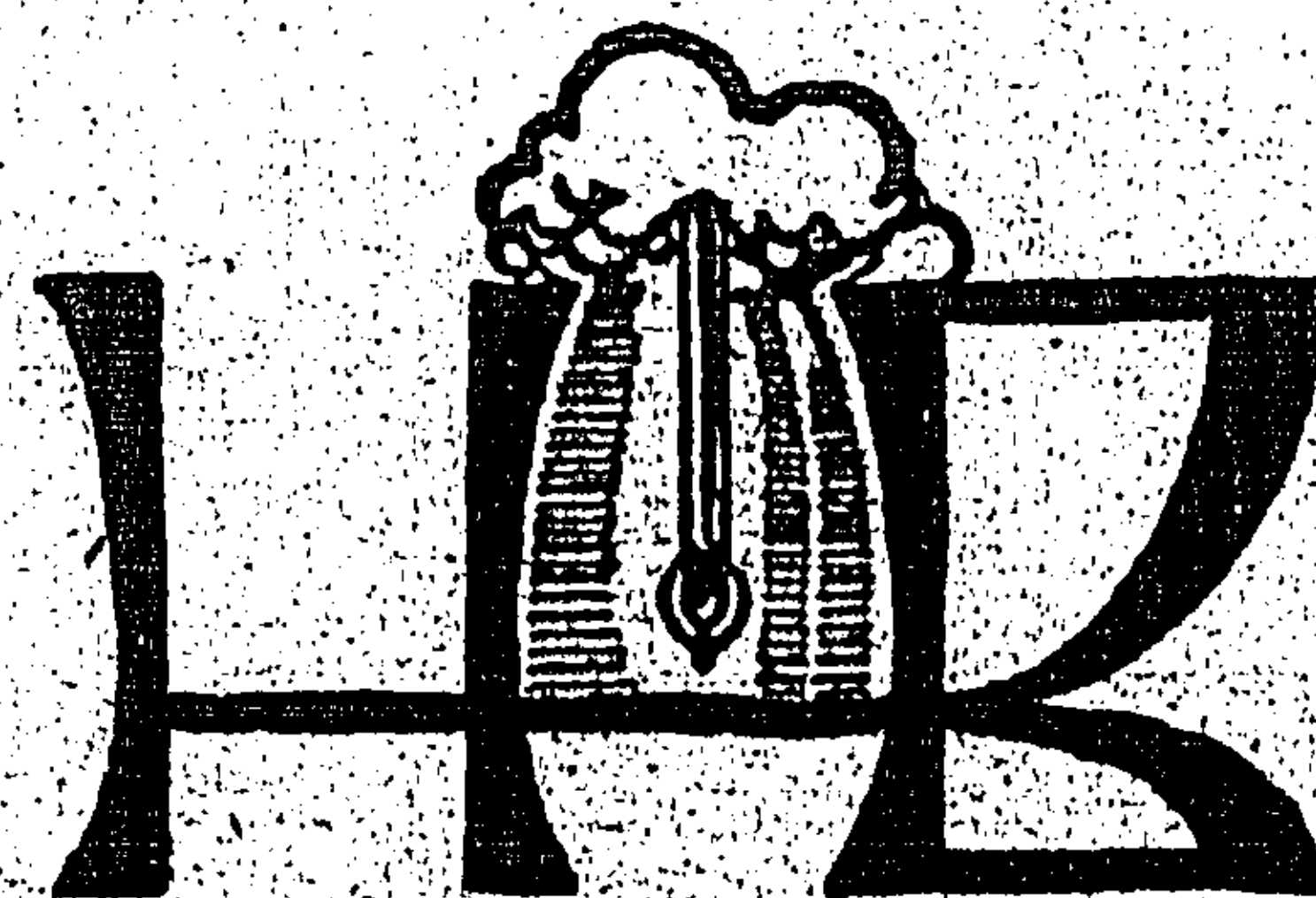
The Consul said the prisoners stated the aggression had been committed by civilians. Treatment by the State police had been good.

The cases were put in the hands of the Minister of Justice who was present at the interview. —Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

There is nothing to report, said yesterday's Cairo communique. —Reuter.

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COMPARATIVELY QUIET DAY OVER ENGLAND

BULGARIAN TROOPS TAKE OVER FINAL ZONE

Bulgarian troops yesterday marched into the final zone in southern Dobrudja, including Silistra and Kasum, without incident. The Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier of 1912 is thus restored. —Reuter.

COFFEE STALLS IN FAVOUR

Street coffee stalls, which were a feature of London night life before the war where all classes met in the early hours of the morning for plain and wholesome refreshment, have been called upon by the Minister of Food to play their part in the emergency feeding of Londoners affected by German air attacks.

Lord Woolton has asked coffee stalls proprietors who had gone out of business to come into existence again. He wished them to provide food for people in air raid shelters and said the Ministry would be glad to secure petrol and supplies of food for them and arrange which shelters to go to while protection would be given against air raid risk.

Lord Woolton also announced that to meet the needs of people in bombed London areas 58 emergency feeding centres had already been prepared and provision had been made for 200 centres to be brought into existence just as required. — British Wireless.

EIRE'S AREA CHIEF

Eire is to appoint area commissioners — similar to those appointed in England — who will have power to carry out the duties of Government in their districts in the event of an invasion. Mr. Lemass, Eire Minister of Supply, revealed this in a broadcast to the Irish people.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY over Britain had three phases yesterday and these ventures cost them four 'planes — one in Surrey near Redhill which is believed to be the same machine which machine-gunned a train in a south-east London station, and three in Poole, Dorset, where a large formation of German 'planes was routed by fighters.

Guns in north-west, south-west and central London fired on a solitary raider which lost no time in making off. Bombs were dropped in a south-east London area during the afternoon's alert.

An Air Ministry communique says the enemy made several abortive attacks on the South of England.

For the most part his aircraft did not penetrate far inland and few reports of the dropping of bombs have been received.

A small number of aircraft reached London and dropped bombs. These caused several casualties, some fatal, and bombs were also dropped at a point near the Welsh coast, causing a small number of casualties.

While four enemy aircraft were shot down, three of our 'planes are missing.

CHINA IN THE FIGHTING LINE

The sons of many Chinese Government leaders are serving in the forces.

The son of Oong Wan-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, is the pilot of a fighter machine which participated in three combats against Japanese aircraft over Chungking this summer. He was recently awarded \$300 for landing his machine safely though it had been badly damaged by machine-gun bullets.

The son of Mr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, took part in the Pingyang battle north of Nanning serving as a junior officer in the army.

The eldest son of General Chiang Kai-shek is commander of a local defence corps in Kiangsi, where he is serving as district superintendent. — Reuter.

NEW POST FOR EVANS OF 'BROKE'

Admiral Sir Edward Evans, famous for his exploit in H.M.S. Broke during the attack on Zeebrugge during the Great War, who is one of the London Regional Commissioners, has been given the special task of organising London shelter arrangements.

This appointment follows those of Sir H. Willink, organiser of provisional home for London homeless, and Sir Warten Fisher to co-ordinate the restoration of communications and tasks of demolition and salvage. — British Wireless.

MINISTER RUNS GAUNTLET

Fifteen times in three weeks Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Minister of Health, has run the gauntlet of air raids.

He usually visits control centres first to see officials at their posts, and then goes to A.R.P. posts, first aid posts, shelters, and food and rest centres for the homeless.

One night he was close to a church that was bombed. Another night he was in the midst of falling incendiary bombs and on another he got out at every station along the tube railway to see conditions for himself. — British Wireless.



Munitions making in Australia. Photo shows an operative filling bombs with T.N.T. The fluid sets hard and is then rammed. (Copyright, Fox).

PIERRE COT TO BE VICTIMISED

M. PIERRE COT, FORMER FRENCH AIR MINISTER, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE "RIOM" "WAR GUILT" TRIBUNAL.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest and all his property has been seized.

M. Cot is at present in America. — Reuter.

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THE TYPHOONS

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has weakened considerably and moved into the Pacific eastward of Japan; another is developing over Mongolia.

The typhoon has partially filled up and exists as a depression in the Eastern Sea probably moving northward.

The Pacific typhoon is situated about 400 miles north of Yap, moving W. or W.N.W.

FRENCH EMBASSY APPOINTMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Armand Gandon, in charge of the French Embassy office in Chungking, has been appointed consul at Yunnanfu, it was announced in Shanghai to-day. Amedee Beaulieux, secretary interpreter, is appointed Counselor for Chinese Affairs to the French Embassy. — Havas.

STOCK EXCHANGE STEADY

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally steady with selected Kaifurs responding to moderate buying. Japanese bonds were sharply lower while British Governments were inclined to improve after early dullness. Industrials maintained their level. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

DOCK THIEF

Charged with stealing a gold watch, valued at \$240, from the cabin of Captain Belgan at Kowloon Docks on Monday, Chan Wai-sin, 28, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

MR. CHURCHILL HAS AUDIENCE

The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — British Wireless.

HILLSIDE MYSTERY

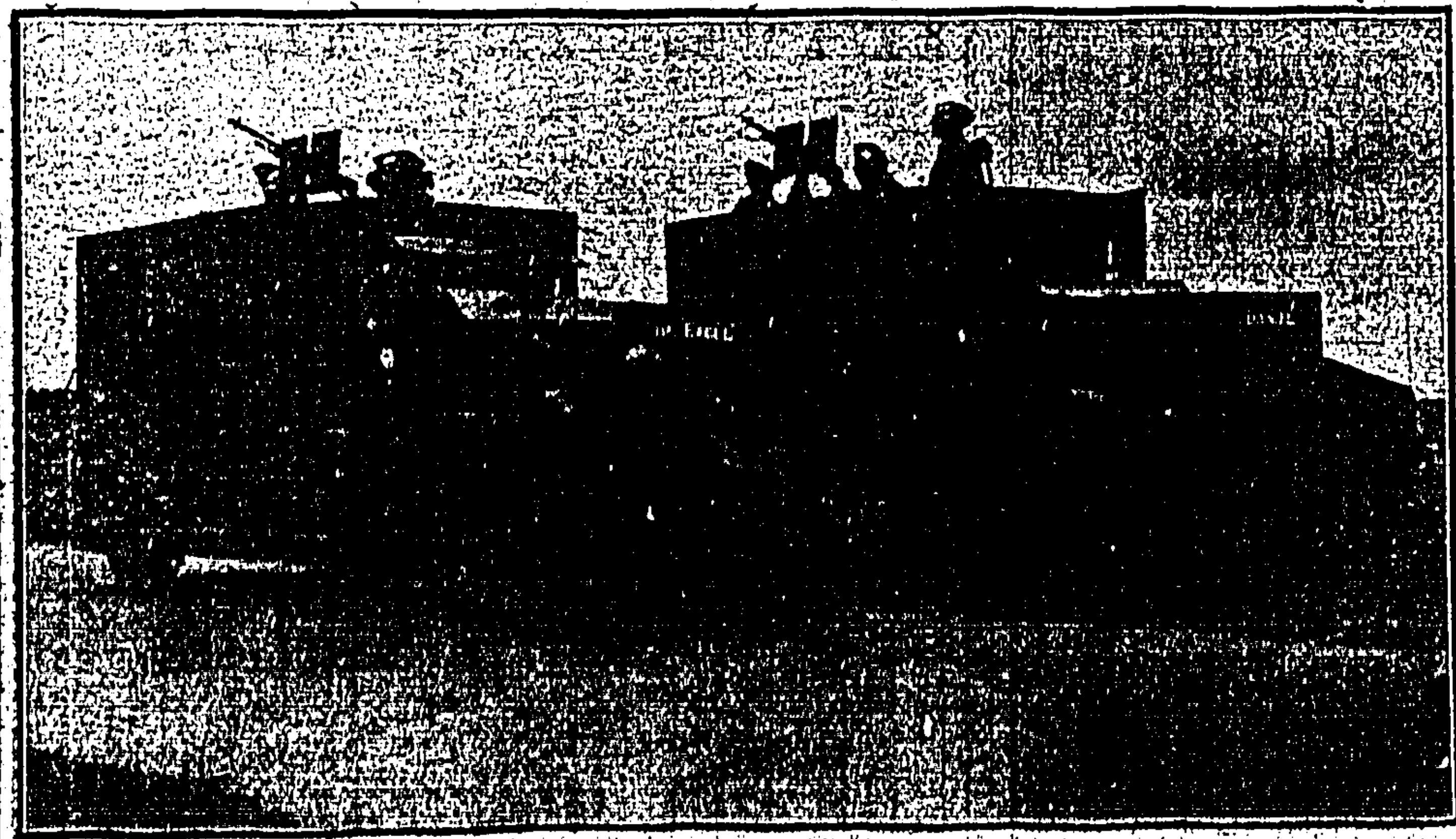
The body of an unidentified Chinese, believed to be that of a "boy" employed in the Bowen Road Military Hospital, was found on a hillside in Lo Wai Village, Tsun Wan District, New Territories, by villagers at eight o'clock last night.

There was a small cut on the throat but no sharp instrument was located anywhere near the body, at the side of which was a length of rope stretched out, and a rattan basket containing some clothing and a bottle of Chinese wine.

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The Home Guard of Stroud, now have two well armoured cars and an ambulance. Two residents gave high-powered cars which a local engineering firm armoured with the approved thickness of steel, free of charge. Other tradesmen and skilled members of the Home Guard assisted in the work, which resulted in the vehicles seen in picture. (Photo shows members of the Stroud Home Guard at exercise with their armoured vehicles. (Copyright, Fox).

Grand Diplomatic Surprise?

ITALY PLAYING UP THE SUNER VISIT

THE ITALIAN PRESS and radio is making considerable play of Señor Suner's visit to Rome, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent; indeed, there is an obvious attempt to suggest that a grand diplomatic surprise will be sprung upon the world within the next 24 hours.

WHETHER OR NOT SENOR SUNER WILL ACTUALLY SIGN ANY SPECIAL AGREEMENT IN ROME IS A MATTER OF SPECULATION BUT THE ODDS ARE STRONGLY AGAINST HIS SIGNING A FORMAL ACCESSION TO THE TRIPARTITE PACT.

ANOTHER CHECK ON U.S. WAR EXPORTS

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a proclamation requiring licences for the export of fire control instruments, military searchlights, aerial cameras and other types of military equipment containing optical elements. — Reuter.

AIR RAIDS VICTIMS' FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS £800,000. ONE OF THE LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS IS £5,000 FROM KENYA.

Melbourne has sent £40,000 and Perth £4,000.

The Australian Red Cross has added to its gift of £25,000 last week to the British Red Cross a further sum of £5,000.

Another gift is a day's pay by all employees of the Alexandria Gas Company; most of them are Egyptians. — Reuter.

KING VISITS COLONIAL OFFICE

The King expressed deep satisfaction with the Colonies war effort of which His Majesty was given a full account when he visited the Colonial Office yesterday.

His Majesty, who was wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, was met by Lord Elyot, the Colonies Secretary. The visit took an hour. — Reuter.

DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

President Roosevelt, receiving a delegation of 20 military representatives from nine Latin American countries in Washington yesterday, declared: "We all have one common problem, namely the defence of the Americas."

"We have an expression which is common to all of the 21 Republics — one for all and all for one." — Reuter.

It seems very improbable that Spain would openly associate herself with an instrument so pointedly directed against the United States.

A prominent German newspaper hints that the talks in Rome will deal with Mediterranean problems, particularly Gibraltar.

With Il Duce For An Hour And A Half

According to the German News Agency correspondent in Rome, Señor Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of the Interior, conferred with Mussolini for an hour and a half yesterday morning.

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, was present and afterwards gave a luncheon "to a small circle of friends in honour of Señor Suner," who, it is stated, will leave for Spain tomorrow. — Reuter.

"Foundations Of A New World Order"

On leaving German territory, it is announced in Rome, Count Ciano sent a telegram to Ribbentrop in which he declared his visit had been "connected with one of the most important and, for future history, significant acts resulting from German-Italian co-operation."

"The long-cherished political aim of our two great leaders has been realised by the alliance with the glorious Japanese nation."

In reply, Ribbentrop declared: "By the conclusion of the three-power pact we have laid the strong foundation of a new world order that cannot be shaken." — Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BELGIUM

BELGIUM'S UNEMPLOYED NOW TOTAL 460,000, AND MANY BELGIANS ARE BEING DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO EARN A LIVING.

The puppet Brussels radio yesterday reported that a party of 1,200 men and 200 women have left Amsterdam by train for Germany, where they will be given work. — Reuter.

REICH POTATOES FOR MOTOR SPIRIT

THE LATEST ORDER ISSUED IN GERMANY STATES THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE POTATO CROP IS TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR SPIRIT FOR THE ARMY.

People in the larger towns will have to register for a share in the rest. — Reuter.

SIKHS URGED TO INTENSIFY EFFORT

The All-India Sikh League has appealed to all Sikhs to intensify their war effort, especially by offering themselves for military service. — Reuter.



More schoolchildren from Greater London are leaving for the West-country. This picture shows three kiddies from Islington making a last minute dash for the train. (Copyright, Fox).

JAPAN'S PART IN 'EPOCH-MAKING' AGREEMENT

COMMENTING ON THE Axis-Japan pact, the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" says that while an Axis declaration of war under the conditions of present air and sea warfare would be somewhat platonic help for Japan, America's entry into the war on England's side and a consequent Japanese declaration of war against America would be a serious aspect for the East Asiatic Empire.

The possible handing over of British fleet bases to the U.S.A. in East Asia and the increasingly severe sanctions begun to be used by Washington against Japan are reasons for anxiety in Japan which can scarcely be got rid of by the Berlin treaty.

Reverse Effect

If one of the objects of the new treaty of alliance thus can be thought to be to frighten the U.S.A. from any warlike intervention either in Europe or the Far East, by a threat to involve America in a two-front war, it remains to be seen if this combination of programmes of the European and Asiatic new order will not, more forcibly than anything else, bring home the meaninglessness of a continued isolationist policy.

In this event, the pact would have the effect, certainly not intended, of welding together the Anglo-Saxon nations even more in the common struggle of defence. — Reuter.

NOT THE SILENT SERVICE IN JAPAN

A "GRAND NAVAL REVIEW" COMMEMORATING THE 2600TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, WILL BE HELD OFF YOKOHAMA ON OCTOBER 11, THE NAVY MINISTER ANNOUNCED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Director of Naval Publicity, stated: "Circumstances have doubled the important responsibilities of the Imperial Navy. The nation is facing an unprecedented emergency as it embarks upon the construction of a new order in Eastern Asia as well as in Europe in cooperation with Germany and Italy." — Reuter.

COURTESY — 1940 MODEL

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, A STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN VICHY PRAISING THE "COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE IN SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE HANOI AGREEMENT."

Reference is made to the "loyal collaboration" of the Japanese Government.

Vichy so far has not issued any statement to this effect but has left its publication to the German news agency.

Only a week ago, it may be recalled, the Vichy Foreign Minister was blaming the Japanese for over-hastiness which resulted in the fighting at Dongdang. — Reuter.

"JOYOUS NEWS" FOR NORWAY

CERTAIN QUANTITIES OF COAL AND ANTHRACITE HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN NORWAY FOR USE DURING THE WINTER, AND THE ACUTENESS OF THE NEED MAY BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE NORWEGIAN PRESS REFERS TO THIS AS "JOYOUS NEWS."

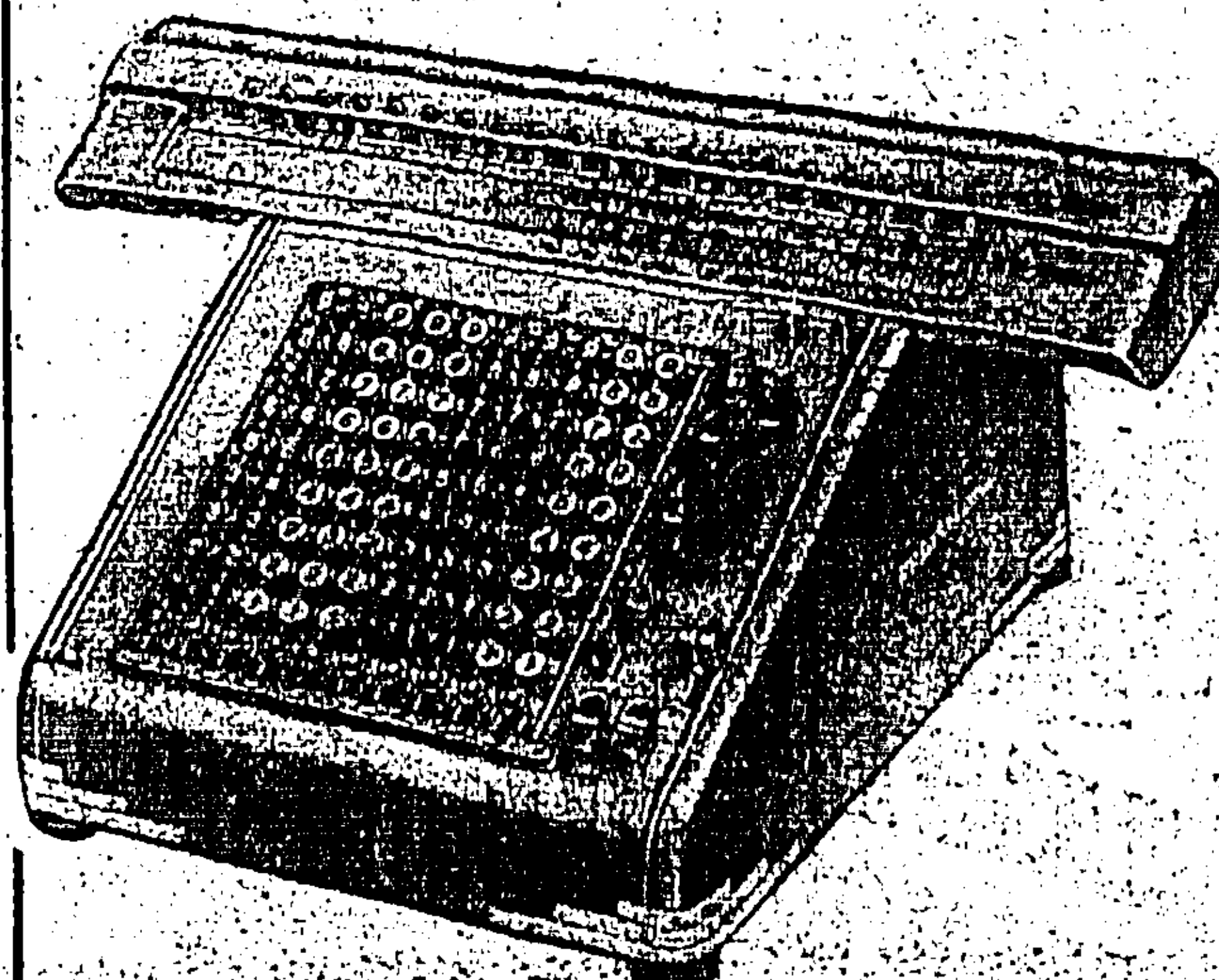
Quisling's own paper claims that the puppet government is entitled to the credit for this "magnanimous concession!" — Reuter.

GERMAN CENSUS OF BELGIAN VEHICLES

The German authorities in Belgium are taking a census of all motor-car, motor cycle and bicycle tyres, both new and second hand, and no vehicle owner is to be allowed to have more than two tyres in reserve. — Reuter.

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GERMANY TAKING COMPLETE CONTROL IN RUMANIA

RUMANIA'S STEADY development into a German State is further shown by the announcement yesterday that not only have new gauleiters been appointed for the old kingdom of Transylvania and Banat but German mayors and vice-mayors have been selected for twelve large towns in which there are large German minorities.

HAIPHONG BOMBING ENQUIRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following diplomatic demarches by the Indo-China authorities the Japanese Government yesterday ordered an investigation into the recent bombing of Haiphong.

Tokyo has also agreed in principle to pay indemnities to the wounded and the families of those killed during the bombing.

Meanwhile the first train bringing wounded to Hanoi and Langson has arrived.

Admiral De Caux, Governor-General of Indo-China, received General Suzuki, head of the Army Communications Bureau and special envoy who was accompanied by General Nishihara and the Japanese consul-general in Hanoi.

After their visit Admiral De Caux and the Japanese officers called on General Martin, commanding French forces in Indo-China. — Havas.

THAILAND SHOOTING ALLEGATION

ACCORDING TO A BANGKOK DESPATCH TO THE DOMESTIC AGENCY YESTERDAY THAILAND HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO AN INCIDENT NEAR VIETNAME, ON THE INDO-CHINA BORDER LAST SUNDAY WHEN A THAILAND MERCHANT IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD BY A FRENCH INDO-CHINA POLICEMAN FOR ALLEGEDLY CROSSING THE BORDER WITHOUT A PASSPORT.

The protest is said to demand the punishment of the policeman, compensation and an inquiry on the spot.

It is officially denied in Bangkok, adds Domei, that a Thailand plane crossed into Indo-China and attacked a police station. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL HARWOOD KNIGHTED

Rear-Admiral Harwood, who commanded the British naval forces at the River Plate Battle against the German battleship Graf Spee, last December, has returned home for the first time since the great victory and was yesterday knighted by the King at Buckingham Place. — British Wireless.

M. COSME BOUND FOR HAIPHONG

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, is leaving Shanghai to-day for Haiphong. — Central News.

KIDNAPPER PLEADS GUILTY

Wilhelm Muhlembroich, a German, was indicted at Redwood City, Cal., yesterday, for the kidnapping of the three-year-old son of Contesse de Tristano. Accused pleaded guilty to the charge and will be sentenced on Friday; he faces life imprisonment. — Reuter.

CALAIS HERO A PRISONER

Lieutenant Charles Robert Cecil Weld-Forester, of the Rifle Brigade, one of the defenders of Calais, is a prisoner of war and wounded, it was learned in London. — Reuter.

British Arrests

General Antonescu, Dictator of Rumania, in a letter yesterday to the British Minister in Bucharest, promised a "full investigation" into the affair regarding British subjects arrested at Ploesti. — Reuter.

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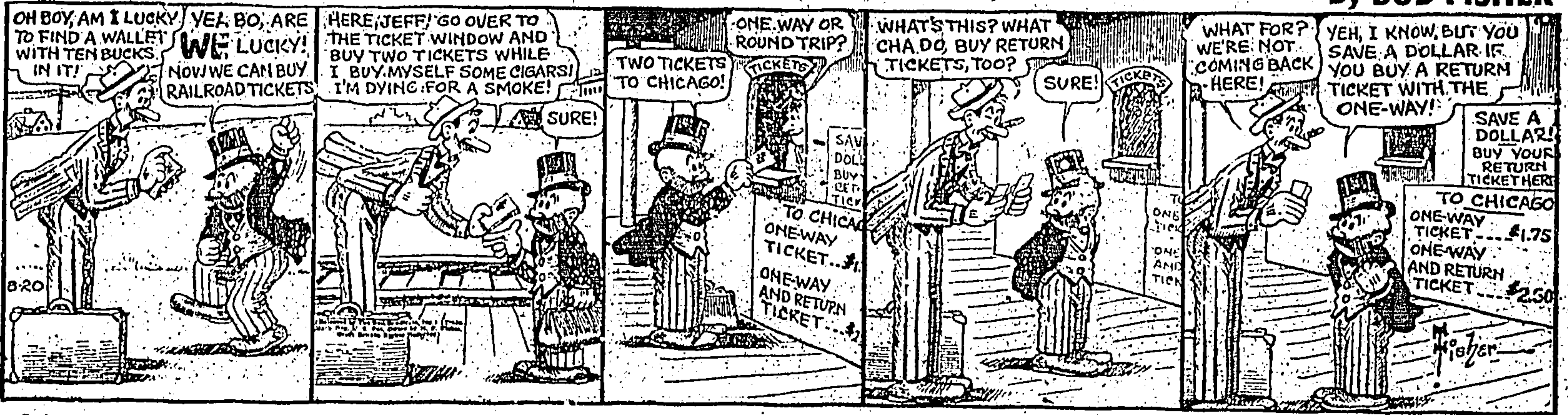
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MID-HARBOUR TRANSFER FROM FERRY

The exceedingly rare, if not unprecedented, spectacle of the mid-harbour transfer of a crowded ferry, resulted this morning from an engine breakdown aboard the "Night Star."

The "Night Star" left Kowloon at 9 a.m. and engine trouble developed when she was about three minutes out. Other ferries steered close in and offered assistance, but it was not until the "Night Star" had been drifting for from fifteen to twenty minutes that it was decided to transfer the passengers.

They were taken on board another, fairly full, ferry without incident and on to Hong Kong. It is understood that the engineer aboard the "Night Star" repaired the defect shortly afterwards.

HIRE PURCHASE SHELTERS

Air raid shelters on ten years' credit for people not entitled to "Andersons" are to be offered to Cardiff citizens.

The City Finance Committee has decided to take advantage of a clause in the Civil Defence Act of last year enabling local authorities to take this course.

NO INITIATIVE BY ROOSEVELT ON JOHNSON ACT

At his press conference yesterday President Roosevelt said he expected to make no recommendation for relaxation of the Johnson Act, which prohibits loans to governments which have defaulted on debts to the United States. — Reuter.

KUNMING ALARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following the appearance of a single Japanese plane near Kunming at 7 a.m. yesterday, the air raid alarm in the city was sounded an hour afterwards and 27 bombers and pursuit aircraft were reported heading for the city from Indo-China.

The invading aircraft, however, failed to reach Kunming, but emptied their bomb racks around Kailan.

The "all clear" was sounded at 1 p.m.

JAPANESE ADVANCE IN INDO-CHINA

The Japanese forces in northern Indo-China have reached Caopang, terminus of the new loop road through the mountains into Indo-China which the Chinese made last November after the Japanese had cut the main road by the capture of Nanning, in south-east China, it was stated in Chungking yesterday.

The Chinese forces in south-west Kwangsi are said to be preparing to meet a possible Japanese advance from the French colony into Kwangsi along the new highway.

The Chinese are intensifying the agitation for Britain to reopen the Burma road. For the fourth day in succession all Chinese newspapers in Chungking yesterday printed leading articles urging the reopening of the road. — Reuter.

ITALIANS SINK ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP

ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP HAS BEEN SUNK BY THE ITALIANS.

On Saturday, it was learned in London yesterday, an Italian submarine sank the Spanish Monte Moncayo, of about 4,300 tons, off the coast of Sicily.

Four of the ship's crew were killed. — Reuter.

Previous Sinkings

It is recalled that on Sept. 19 the Spanish trawler Almirante Jose de Carranza was torpedoed and sunk by an Italian submarine with only one survivor. Yet another Spanish ship, the Cabo Tortosa (3,302 tons), was torpedoed and sunk with no survivors. — Reuter.

FAMILY OF FOUR BURNT

A Chinese family of four — husband, wife, and two children — were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital early this morning suffering for serious burns received in a fire which broke out in their flat shortly after midnight.

The injured resided on the top floor of No. 11, Peking Road, which was badly damaged by the fire.

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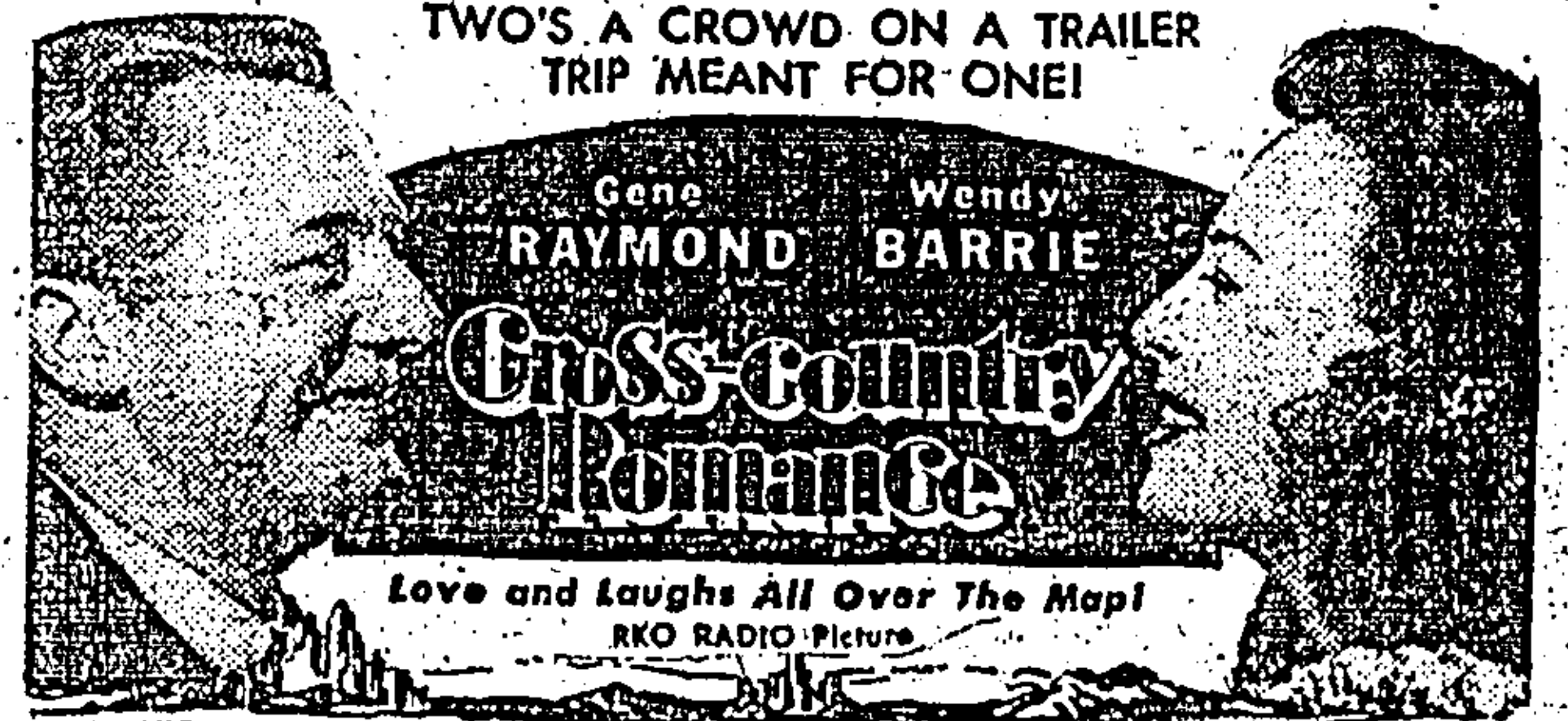
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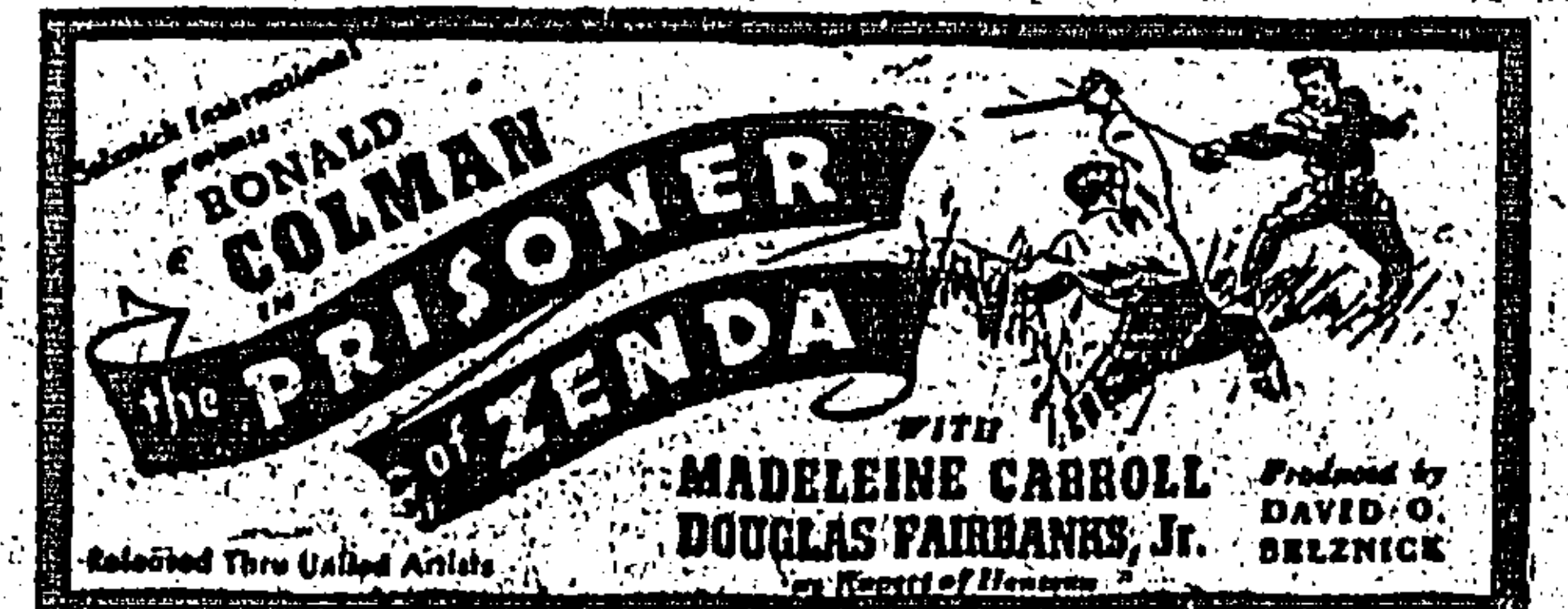


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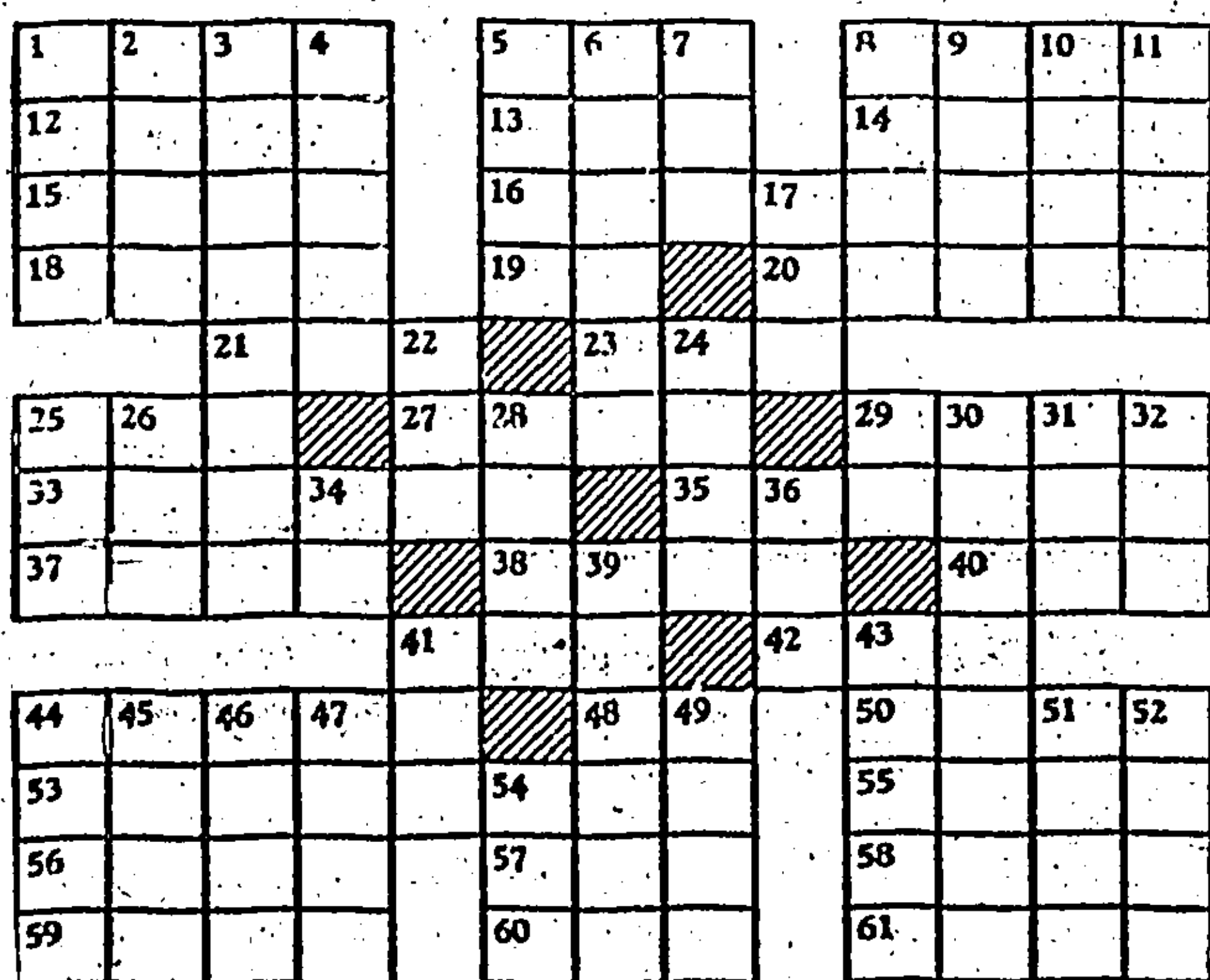
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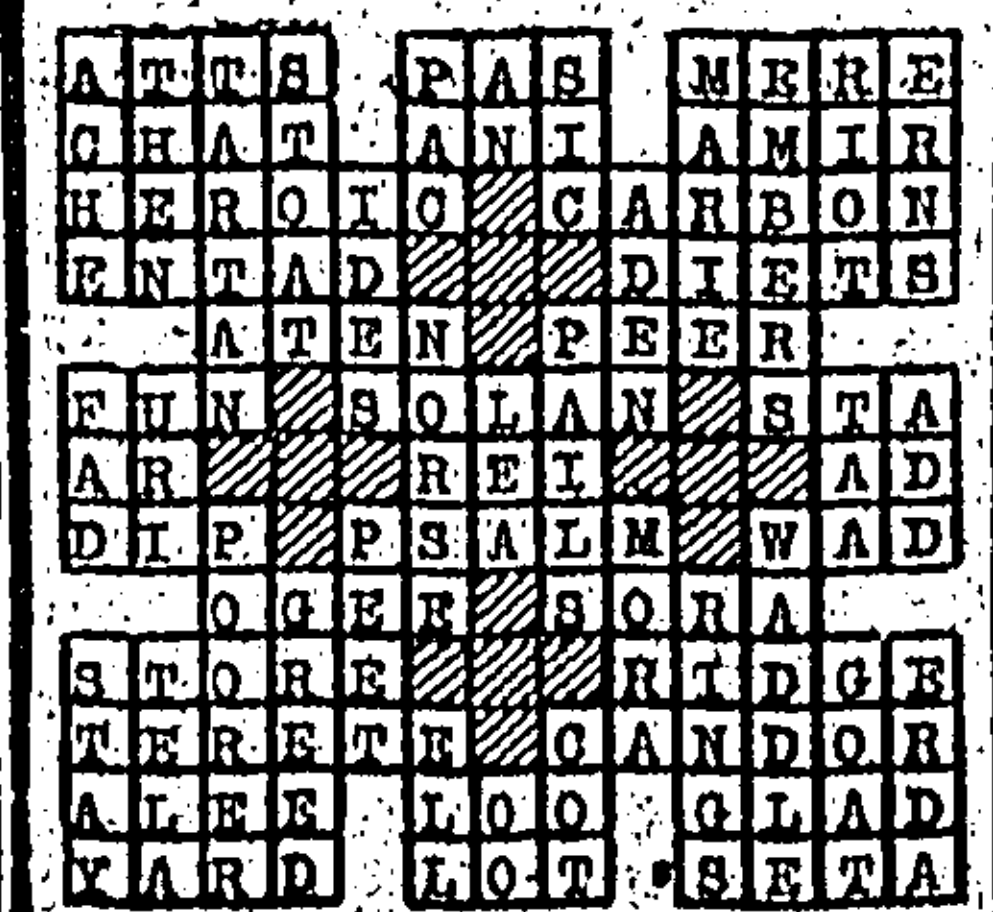
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- 15 To transmit
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- 19 Chinese measure
- 20 Glacial ridge
- 21 To employ
- 23 To obtain
- 25 Moslem name
- 27 Grey
- 28 Fencing sword
- 33 Having limits
- 35 Fame
- 37 Placed on a mound
- 38 To declare
- 40 Body of water
- 41 Period of time
- 42 Fuel
- 44 Unmitigated

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- 3 Appellation of Athens
- 4 Conceals
- 5 German composed
- 6 Sufficient
- 7 Clamour
- 8 Siamese coins
- 9 Small singing bird
- 10 Azure
- 11 Prophet
- 17 To deposit
- 22 To devour
- 24 Ancient cult court
- 25 Near the stern
- 26 Falsehood
- 28 To burn
- 29 Printer's measure
- 30 Imaginably true
- 31 Female sheep
- 32 Girl's name
- 34 European fish
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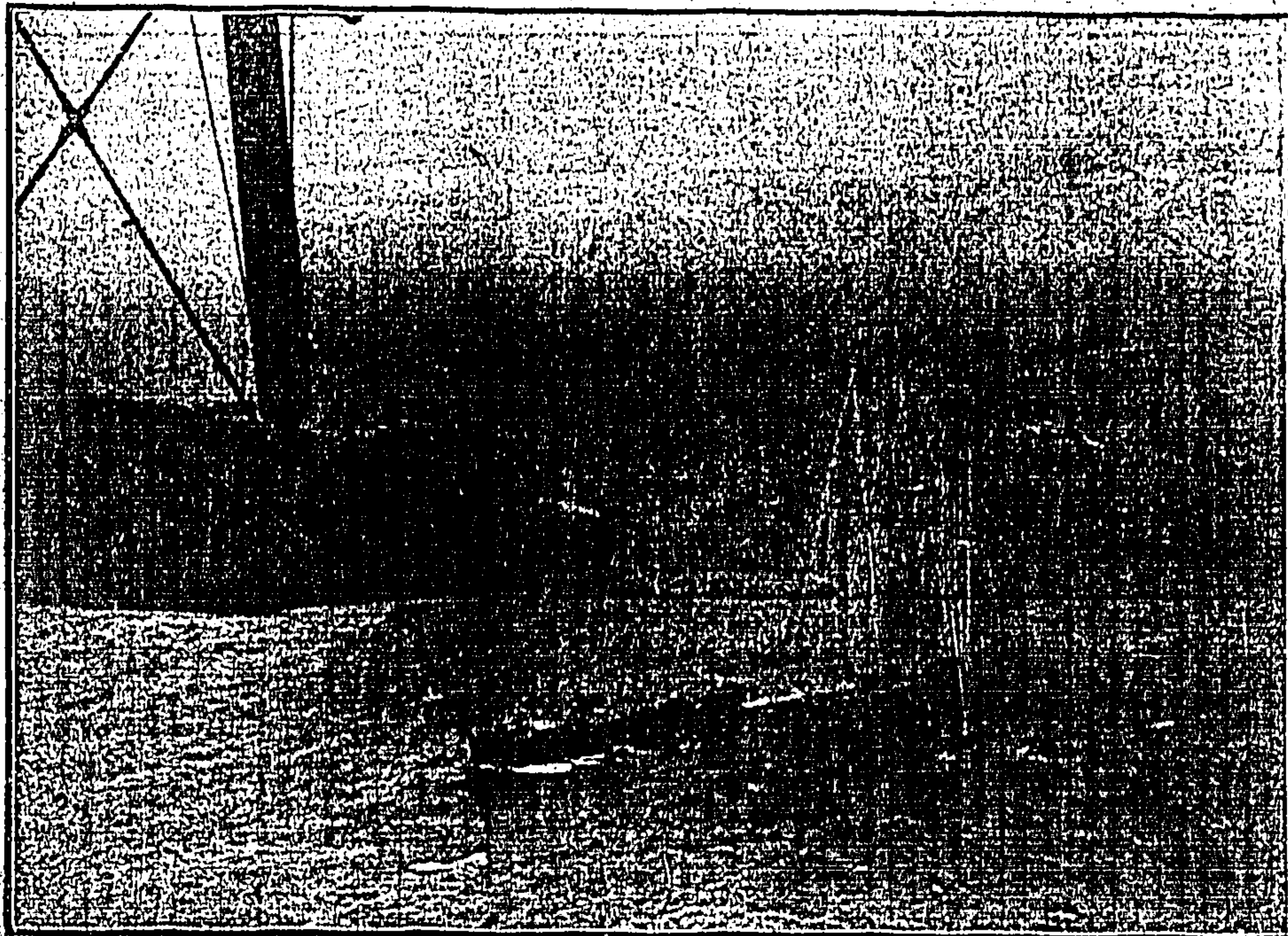
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Large Areas Of Shanghai Several Feet Under Water

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HEAVY RAIN CONTINUES TO SWEEP THROUGH SHANGHAI AS A PRELUDE TO A TYPHOON WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE BEARING DOWN ON THE CITY AND IS DUE SOME TIME TO-DAY.

Streets are submerged over a wide area, stalling cars which were abandoned by their drivers. Since 6 p.m. last night, companies have refused to answer calls stating that most of their cars are stuck in various parts of the city.

Around 1 o'clock this morning the Whangpoo River spilled over the Bund dyke quickly submerging the few streets in the central district not already flooded; in some places the water rose at the rate of an inch a minute.

Scores took off their socks and shoes and plunged into the water and crowds watched amusedly as ladies gathered up their skirts and courageously waded through the muddy water.

Scores of shops were inundated and several theatres have several inches of water inside the lobby.

The Race Course has been transformed into a lake. The Education Board of the S.M.C. has announced that all schools will be closed until further notice. —Havas.

Unceasing Rain

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") From early yesterday morning rain fell unceasingly and with the incoming tide flooded districts in the central and western areas.

The floods brought trams and buses, which started to function normally yesterday morning after the personnel of the French tramways had been on strike for a week, to a standstill.

Many districts which had never before been flooded were under a foot of water, and rickshas were doing a roaring trade, with many cars disabled. —Havas.

Residents Marooned

Reuter adds that sheets of rain riding a 60-kilometre an hour wind lashed Shanghai at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued to a late hour. The lower section of Rue de Consulat, main street in the French Concession, is inundated.

Most residents were marooned in their homes last evening without means of transportation to amusement spots, and some were marooned in their offices.

The regular news broadcast of Carroll Alcott, Shanghai's leading radio announcer, was kept off the air as the transformer room of Station XNHA was flooded.

Old timers describe the flood as the first in many years.

Bars, Cafes Under Water

Bars, cafes and night club were flooded, and three feet of water isolated the swanky French Club area. Residents in the fashionable Park Hotel, opposite the Race Course, were forced to make their way out precariously on narrow boards raised four feet off the street. Bus and tram traffic is virtually at a standstill.

CLOTHING & MONEY STOLEN

Mrs. Johnson, of No. 5, Sai Wan Terrace, has reported that between 10 p.m. on Monday and 8 a.m. yesterday, some person entered her residence, through an open window, and stole clothing and money to the value of \$125.

THEFT FROM CAR

Mr. N. L. Evans, of No. 10, Shek-O Road, has reported that during the night of September 25,

HITLER'S HORSE MARINES

Germans are collecting old horses in Norway and training them in swimming ashore by dumping them in the sea, the "New York Times" reports from Stockholm.

The purpose is believed to be to train these animals as advance guards to blow up land mines during landing operations in England.

ITALIAN PRESSURE IN SYRIA

Reports are reaching Cairo of further far-reaching demands by the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria.

These seem to be directed towards giving Germany and Italy further holds on Syria.

They are reported to include authorisation for the return of many German propagandists; for the publication of an Italian newspaper in Beyrouth subject only to Italian censorship; for the publication of German and Italian war communiques in the local press; and permission for Germans and Italians to wear party badges when they please and for them to resume organisation of youth movements. —Reuter.

some person stole a spare wheel and tyre, and \$134 in cash from his car, No. 6072, which was parked outside his residence.



HITLER'S PLAN?

Nazi spokesmen in Berlin, have recently in presenting their versions of great losses inflicted on Britain, been beginning to speak of their supposed effect on "an air force even as large as the R.A.F." It is a justified admission of respect and one which must be fortified in the minds of Germans by the nightly news from the Rhineland.

If Hitler's plan, whatever it is, is to mean anything in the way of a decision it must not only justify some part of the long threatened assault on the British Isles but it must also curb our demonstrated capacity for attack. The second necessity is clearly unfulfilled at the present time and so long as it remains unfulfilled it is impossible to maintain that the first is in effective operation.

German tales for home and neutral consumption grow, if anything, wilder as the air war deepens; they now even invent dissensions at our Air Ministry. But of the serious intentions of the attempted assault there is no doubt.

Convoys, ports, aerodromes, balloon barrages, and here and there by night industrial centres—these are not targets of terrorism but of significant importance; if great and sustained damage could be there inflicted our war effort would be accordingly handicapped and attempted invasion by sea brought nearer.

But in spite of the increased severity of the attacks the damage does not increase as do the losses to the attackers.

If the aim of the "well-laid plan" is attrition, it is so far working to Germany's disadvantage both at home and in the air. But we cannot expect that the attacks will slacken; by sheer necessity of war and by the tales that have been told to his own people Hitler is too deeply committed to them. He must do something with what remains of the autumn and that something we must be prepared to meet in whatever form his necessity may drive him to attempt. For the present the valour, sacrifices, and ability of the R.A.F., both in defence and in attack, have served us magnificently and cannot be too gratefully saluted.

Japan's Pact With The Axis

The signing of the tripartite pact has been carried out with a great flourish of trumpets as though it were the solemn pronouncement of final judgment, before the victim against whom it is directed, was hanged, drawn and quartered. On closer examination, however, it turns out to be, not an indication of confidence in final victory so much as an empty threat in the hope of staving off defeat.

What is the position? Japan loudly proclaimed for years that Russia was the enemy in the same way as Germany did. Russia was internally corrupt, ruled by a gang of sub-human beings in Hitler's words, and could easily be conquered. Japan tested the strength of the Russian forces at the battle for the hill of Chang Ko Feng in July 1938 and then retired to think the matter over. The idea was that such a successful war would be a way out from the unsuccessful effort to subdue China but it was realised that such a campaign would involve even greater risk and more likelihood of defeat than the campaign in which Japan was already involved.

In the fourth year of war in China in spite of the assistance rendered to her by the war material obtained from the United

States, and by the closure of the Burma Road, in spite of control of the whole coast of China, the prospect of creating the new order in that part of the world is more remote than ever. Having failed against Russia and secondly against China, having burdened the nation with a colossal debt and reduced the standard of living

By CIVIS

ing Japan now looks for another way of escape.

France lies bleeding and helpless, and her distant colonies undefended; with the connivance of the Nazi people and as a bait to lure Japan in to the vortex the latter is urged to take advantage of the situation.

The road North to Siberia is closed, the advance to the west through China having been held up for two years, the expansion south is now opened up. Having failed in two directions there is a last hope she will succeed in the third effort. Like the little boy

Japan is for the time being the King of the Castle in Indo-China and the United States is the dirty rascal for criticising this move south.

The control of this territory has been gained, but now the cost is being calculated. The rearmament in the United States, carried on with all the tremendous industrial resources of that country and the embargo on metals, and aviation spirit destined for Japan, mean that the recognition by Germany and Italy of Japan's domination there is not going to be unchallenged.

Japan has been pondering deeply how she is going to meet that challenge and this tripartite treaty is one of the means by which she hopes to stave off the day of reckoning. From the Japanese point of view then, the signing of the pact with Germany and Italy should hardly be accompanied by paeans of victory.

It is a treaty demanded by the situation, because of abject fear.

If, however, that is the case with Japan, it is a similar fear

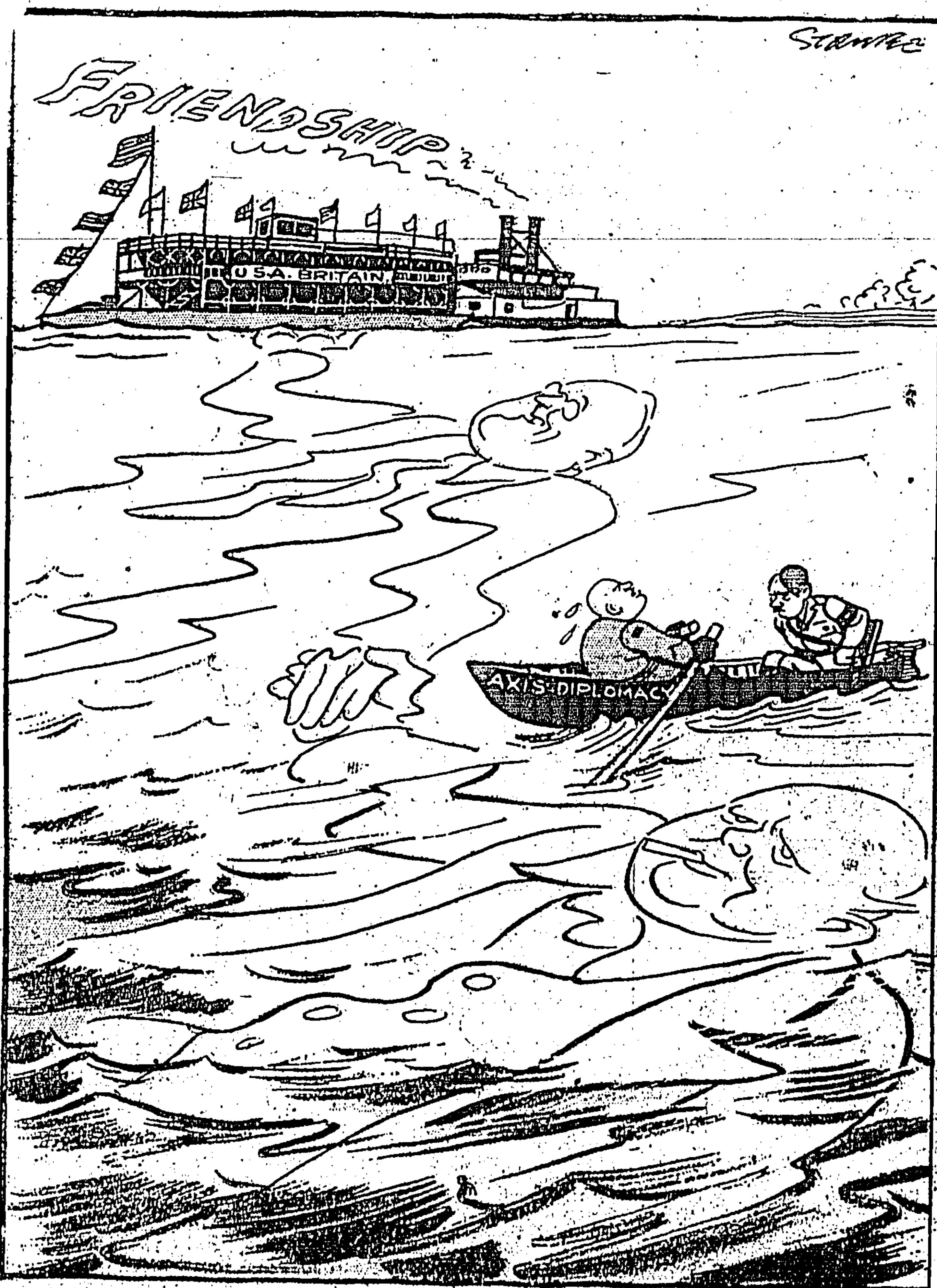
which animates Germany and Italy. The treaty marks their failure to achieve the kind of victory which alone will assure their hegemony in Europe which they so loudly proclaim is theirs. Hitler has shouted from the house-tops that Britain would be invaded and subdued this year, and that he would dictate peace from Buckingham Palace in August, assuming that Buckingham Palace was still standing.

The simple and incontrovertible fact remains that he has not done so. Goebbels' loud threats and denunciations over the Berlin radio have not been implemented by the achievements of Goering's Luftwaffe. On the contrary the R.A.F. has blasted his invasion bases on the European coast without intermission and to such a degree as to make the attempt impossible. But that is merely the preliminary for the navy and the land forces in Britain, also have to be overcome before peace can be dictated in London. It is a truly formidable task which the Nazis have undertaken and to a person of average intellect an impossible one. The fact is the Nazis have been thinking in terms of land power with the air force as the spearhead of a successful attack, as in Poland. Britain, however, is not Poland neither from a geographical, military, naval, or aerial point of view. It is the centre of the British Empire and the focus of its power.

Hitler then has proclaimed his failure since he has wisely failed to make the attempt. Italy, too, which has been urging Germany to get on with the Blitzkrieg against Britain, is obviously worried. She fears a long war and the power of the United States.

There has been no progress in her major operations in Africa, her warships carefully avoid contact with the British fleet, which parades the Mediterranean for days on end, as in times of peace. Both Italy and Germany, who have nothing whatever to offer Japan except the French derelict possession of Indo-China, look for her help against the United States. They also are afraid of the future. Japan then is expected to face the United States, and from Germany she will get sympathy and encouragement in her predicament.

China which is handed over on paper to the tender mercies of Japan is now in a stronger position than before, since Japan having interests elsewhere will probably be satisfied to contain the Chinese armies within their present positions and will seek ultimately to make a graceful withdrawal on some plea or other. With regard to Italy and Germany it would seem that Free China's attitude now must be one of non-belligerency. The activities of the German and Italian nationals in Free China are now officially announced to be in favour of Japan. Whatever trade they are carrying on in wolfram and such things should be stopped seeing that the supply of this material to Germany indirectly helps Japan in her efforts at conquest. It would be ironic to welcome the American embargo on scrap metal and aviation spirit and to aid Japan's ally in any way whatever. The new embargo begins on October 10th and the Burma Road is expected to be re-opened about the same date.



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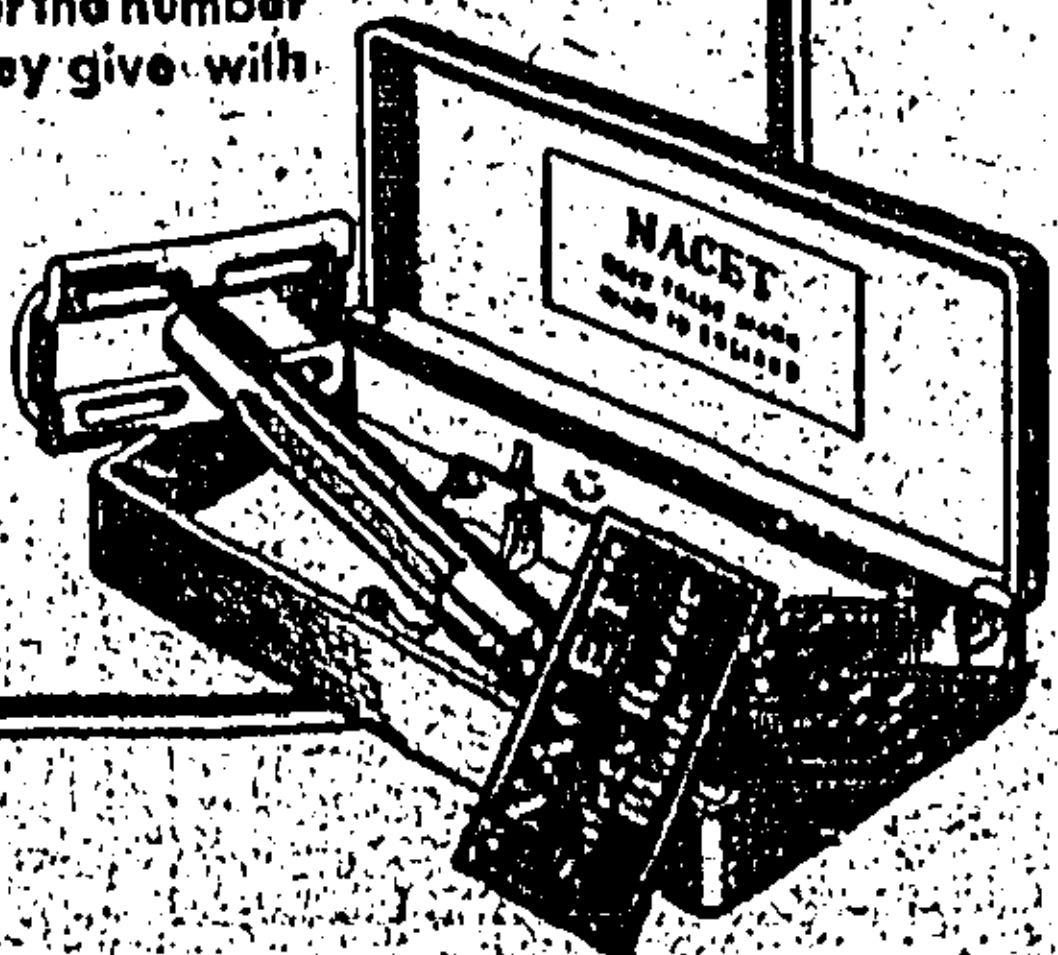
THE tight frilled bodice and the flared crinoline skirt have come straight out of the old family album, but the figure is her own. Great grandmama could never have achieved this slim athletic line without the high-pressure help of a sturdy lady's maid, but she achieves it by watching her diet and her drinks. Her cocktail for example is always a "Gimlet" because she knows that the girl who insists on Rose's Lime Juice today avoids a headache and a Rubens contour tomorrow.

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Cooperation In Defence Against Invasion

From A Special Correspondent

ONE OF THE things that most impress one after periodical visits to troops engaged in preparations for defence against invasion is the way in which plans for the counter assault are steadily becoming standardised and a definite technique evolved.

Another, and this is encouraging for more than one reason, is the increasing degree of cooperation that exists between the full-time troops and the Home Guard.

The public ought now to be let into the secrets of the way in which the last three months have been spent experimenting in the development of plans for throwing the invader back into the sea should he gain a foothold. It can now be stated with confidence that whenever the call is made it will be answered in a methodical rather than a haphazard manner.

Static And Mobile

When the military authorities first took stock of the problem of defending the country, the duties of the troops seemed to fall into two categories, static and mobile. The static defence was the simpler to prepare. It meant the construction of the beach and other defences which have been described on previous visits to the troops engaged. The job of the static defender is equally simple, and could not be better described than in the instructions to a post held by a company of the Home Guard of a north-western town. It runs, "If the post is attacked it (the garrison) will resist by every means and remain until relieved. If the garrison cannot remain alive, it will remain dead; but in any case it will remain."

The questions arising from a decision to form mobile forces were difficult. What should be the strength of the smallest yet effective mobile force? How should it be constituted? How should it operate? In the last two months the answers have been given, and they now await a practical test, which may come more quickly than is usual with military theory.

Big Strides

One has seen the mobile company of two battalions stationed in a north-western area. One was a unit of The South Wales Borderers. Just over three weeks ago we witnessed a similar exercise carried out by a battalion of The Black Watch, so that it was possible to note the big forward stride that had been made in the interval.

In the latest example of the work of the mobile company news of a surprise landing was supposed to have been given to the battalion commander by Home Guards manning an observation post, but not strong enough even to pin the enemy to their landing spot. So the mobile company was summoned. First came the motor-cycle platoon scouts and advanced guards, then the Bren-gun carriers, followed by two platoons in trucks. Beyond them came the fourth platoon. The company had the wireless car with it, and was a self-contained fighting unit even down to its supply trucks and field ambulances. The infantry carried their 2in. mortars, and behind a barrage of these they advanced to the final assault. Presumably the rest of the battalion would be reasonably close at hand as reinforcements should the mobile company prove less successful than they appear to be in this mock action.

"Tank-Hunting Platoon"

Another development is the "tank-hunting" platoon of the infantry battalion. This force, on being told that tanks are in the neighbourhood, has to shadow the invader, commit it to a previously prepared route, or get sufficiently ahead of it to prepare an ambush. The troops are finding all this great fun, particularly if, as with The South Wales Borderers, an imitation tank is used, for there is always a chance of sending an unpopular N.C.O. of another company over the handle-bars of a cycle by a judiciously placed trip wire when he is playing "enemy scout." And you can also pelt the occupants of the dummy tank with chunks of wood

SILVER BARS ORDERED TO BE CONFISCATED

Over a hundred silver bars, valued at \$3,800, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. E. Hims-worth this morning when he convicted two Chinese of possession of unmanifested cargo and exporting silver without a permit from the Government; for aiding and abetting.

Lee Fat, 30, boarding house runner, charged with possession and exporting, was fined \$10, and Mui Chuen-chu, 37, partner of a drug shop in Des Voeux Road, charged with aiding and abetting, was fined \$5.

They pleaded guilty through Mr. Leo d'Almada, Senior, who submitted that his clients, who had been trading between the Colony and other ports for about 10 years, were ignorant of the law as first accused, who was asked to carry the bags by second accused, frankly told the search party that there were silver bars

ANTI-JEW HINT IN FRANCE

First open hint of anti-Jewish measures in France was made by the "Paris Soir."

"We witnessed the virtual occupation of France by Jews, and the total solution of the Jewish question is one of the essential conditions of our recovery," it says — British United Press.

in the bags, while the second accused, on being informed, voluntarily gave himself up to the police.

Mr. d'Almada contended, in view of his clients' frankness, that they were making no attempt to smuggle the bars out of the Colony.

Inspector Johnson, prosecuting, stated that the Preventive Officer of Butterfield and Swire's went on board one of the Company's ships before her departure for Haiphong on September 18.

A routine search was carried out of every passenger on board and suspicion was aroused on seeing first accused, who was a deck passenger, with 15 baggages. Asked what was inside, accused opened them and showed 110 silver bars, wrapped in newspapers, in four different suit cases.

On being questioned at the water Police Station, accused said that he was paid \$20 by Mui for carrying the bars to Haiphong.

Second accused went to Water Police Station, admitting that they were his property.

After the decision in the case, Mr. d'Almada requested that the silver bars be kept and not be disposed of as he would have to consider an appeal against the order for confiscation.

CHINESE BANK MANAGER FINED \$1,000

A FINE OF \$1,000 was imposed on Mr. Ma Shik-cheng, Manager of the Fu Shing Bank, No. 62A, Bonham Road, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for breach of the Defence Regulations.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

CONGO SHORTWAVE STATION

THE NEW BELGIAN CONGO SHORT-WAVE RADIO SERVICE WAS INAUGURATED LAST NIGHT BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, WHO READ A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MR. DUFF-COOPER, BRITISH MINISTER OF INFORMATION.

The service will include relays of British news services. — Reuter.

SIR ROBERT HADFIELD PASSES

Sir Robert Hadfield, the world-famous metallurgist who invented manganese steel, died in England yesterday. — Reuter.

or other missiles shaped like bombs.

Yet this is a serious function now allotted to the Infantry. Had these small forces been used against the tanks which advanced along the Somme, the Germans might have been held up long enough to enable the Allied forces to deal with them

It was alleged that he supplied the Controller of Trade with a false statement of goods intended for export from the Colony on August 2, last, and also attempted to export restricted goods from the Colony without a permit from the authorities.

On August 2, defendant informed the Controller of Trade that he was exporting 38 packages of electric material, 50 packages of radio batteries, six packages of glassware, an engine lathe, a drilling machine, 72 packages of 3/4 inch mild steel bars, and 36 packages of one-inch mild steel bars.

Motor Parts

The goods, on being examined, were found to be parts of motor-lorries and motor accessories, for the export of which no permit had been granted.

On September 21, defendant attempted to export parts of motor-lorries, tyres and accessories without a permit.

Mr. Lo expressed regret on behalf of his client. His client was not aware that the matter was so serious, and he had contracted to send the lorries to their destination within a limited period.

Mr. Lo asked for a nominal fine as his client had already suffered heavy financial loss.

THIS WAS THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE

PEOPLE IN SCORES OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES SAW THE BIGGEST AIR BATTLE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER LAND SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

Bombers estimated at between a hundred and two hundred, escorted by fighters, came over the countryside in perfect formation. Then they were attacked by Hurricanes and Spitfires.

For half an hour a terrific dog fight raged. Towns and villages were bombed and machine-gunned. Raiders, split from their formation, were forced down to rooftop height, chased by our fighters.

A number of them were brought down and crashed in fields and on houses.

At least eight villages were bombed, two were machine-gunned, and in a fight which took place at house-top height over one village a German machine was so low that its bomb rack struck a chimney pot in the middle of a row of cottages. Soon afterwards a bomb exploded and wrecked two of the cottages.

A seventy-year-old woman in one of them was taking refuge underneath the sink in the kitchen. She was dragged out after the raid by A.R.P. workers, and was suffering only from severe shock.

The family next door, including two evacuee children, were ready to sit down to their midday meal.

"When the crash came the dinner was blown over the houses," the husband said. "I shut my eyes and when I opened them again you could not see for dust."

The Germans came over in waves of fourteen at a time, flying very high. But they could be clearly seen.

The Spitfires and Hurricanes got in among them, and split them up into two sections. More of our fighters plunged into the battle and split them up yet again.

A man who lost a brother in the raids said: "The Jerries did not know what to do. I have never seen anything like it."

R.A.F. Dive In

"First of all came the German bombers with their fighters dodging around to protect them. Then our boys got busy. You could see them turning somersaults in the air, flinging their machines everywhere and diving right in among the Jerries from all angles."

"I saw one British fighter single out a German bomber. He dived right at him, let fire with all his guns and cut the German's wing clean away."

"You could see the wing come crashing down to earth and the Germans jumped for it and came down in their parachutes. Our fighter—the one who had done the damage—followed the parachutes all the way down to the ground."

Five of the German raiders either divebombed or were forced down during the battle. At any rate they had British fighters following hot on their tail.

Said another man: "I was watching a squadron of German planes when all of a sudden one machine with several others following it, British and German, flew over the village at house-top height."

"One of the German machines hit the chimney pot of one of a row of cottages. Smoke burst from the cottages that had been struck and the bomb exploded almost at once."

Bricks and pieces of timber were blown into the air and fell all over the village. The street was full of smoke and dust."

In one village four people in an Anderson shelter which had not been provided with a blast screen were killed.

CANADIAN TO AID B.B.C.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, at the request of the B.B.C., have agreed to second Mr. Ernest L. Bushnell, its general programmes supervisor, to act as North American programmes organiser for the B.B.C.

A GUIDE TO TRUTH

Time after time Berlin announces that a raid has utterly destroyed some important objective, while London says the damage was negligible.

Neutrals ask which they shall believe.

Here is a pointer: The German High Command announced that not only were most of the ships in Portland harbour sunk but the naval repair yard was practically destroyed, oil tanks destroyed by fire, and warehouses left in ruins.

The Admiralty said the raiders scored a few hits but did no damage of any importance.

The American Columbia Broadcasting Company's British representative made a comprehensive tour of Portland harbour and naval yard after the raid and this is what he said in a broadcast to the United States:

'Admiralty Accurate'

"The Admiralty communicate reporting the German raids against Portland was accurate."

"I should say that perhaps four or five small office buildings were destroyed."

"One group of six or eight bombs had been planted in a line on a practically unused railway yard, too far one way or the other to do any serious damage."

"There was no damage that could be observed to any of the vital elements of the naval establishment of Portland. It is still doing business."

"Probably the most impressive thing about this aerial warfare is the speed with which it happens, and the calmness of the people. If one must be bombed one could not ask for better company."

WIFE TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO SAVE

When a fourteen-stone woman fell into a lake while stepping out of a punt her husband tried to pull her out, but she was too heavy for him.

Accidental death was the verdict on the woman, Mrs. Anne Watson, aged seventy, of Lake Lodge, Knebworth Park, Herts.

POLISH SQUADRON PASSES 100

One of the Polish squadrons at present engaged in the Battle of Britain has so far shot down 109 German planes. — Reuter.

LEGAL MEN CHECK NAZI LOSSES

OUR FIGURES of Nazi air losses are an understatement, according to an American journalist who visited a Southern England aerodrome.

"I have always thought that the Air Ministry's figures were an under-estimate," he said. "Now that I have seen the exacting and careful system of checking I have no doubt about it."

Attached to each fighter aerodrome is a station intelligence office, where all pilots' reports are checked and counter-checked before being sent on to the Air Ministry. Each squadron using the aerodrome has its own intelligence officer.

Some of them were barristers in civil life. Many saw service in the last war.

Four Times Daily

Last week some of these pilots made three or even four trips daily into the air.

One middle-aged intelligence officer said that in some cases he had not had time to take details from the pilots of one combat before they were sent into the air again to counter another German wave of bombers and fighters.

That is one reason why during the days of the hottest engagements reports were delayed and full details of German losses were not available until the early hours of the following morning.

For the purpose of determining enemy casualties three categories are used — destroyed, probable, and damaged.

A machine is claimed as do-

stroyed only if it has been seen to blow up, be hopelessly on fire, or to have crashed on land or sea.

"Probables" are machines which have suffered extremely severe damage with pieces breaking away, or were seen to be crashing down, but were not observed to have hit the ground.

Hit Not Enough

The "damaged" are those which have not only been hit but have been seen to have suffered definite damage.

The pilots tell their stories calmly and impersonally, and they have some amusing as well as dramatic tales to tell.

One of them had to make a parachute landing. He came down in what seemed to him a "dead world." The sirens had gone, but, of course, he had not heard them. "As I banged on a door," he said, "a deep voice from what seemed to be the bowels of the earth said, 'Who are you?' and out of an Anderson shelter stepped the occupant of the house."

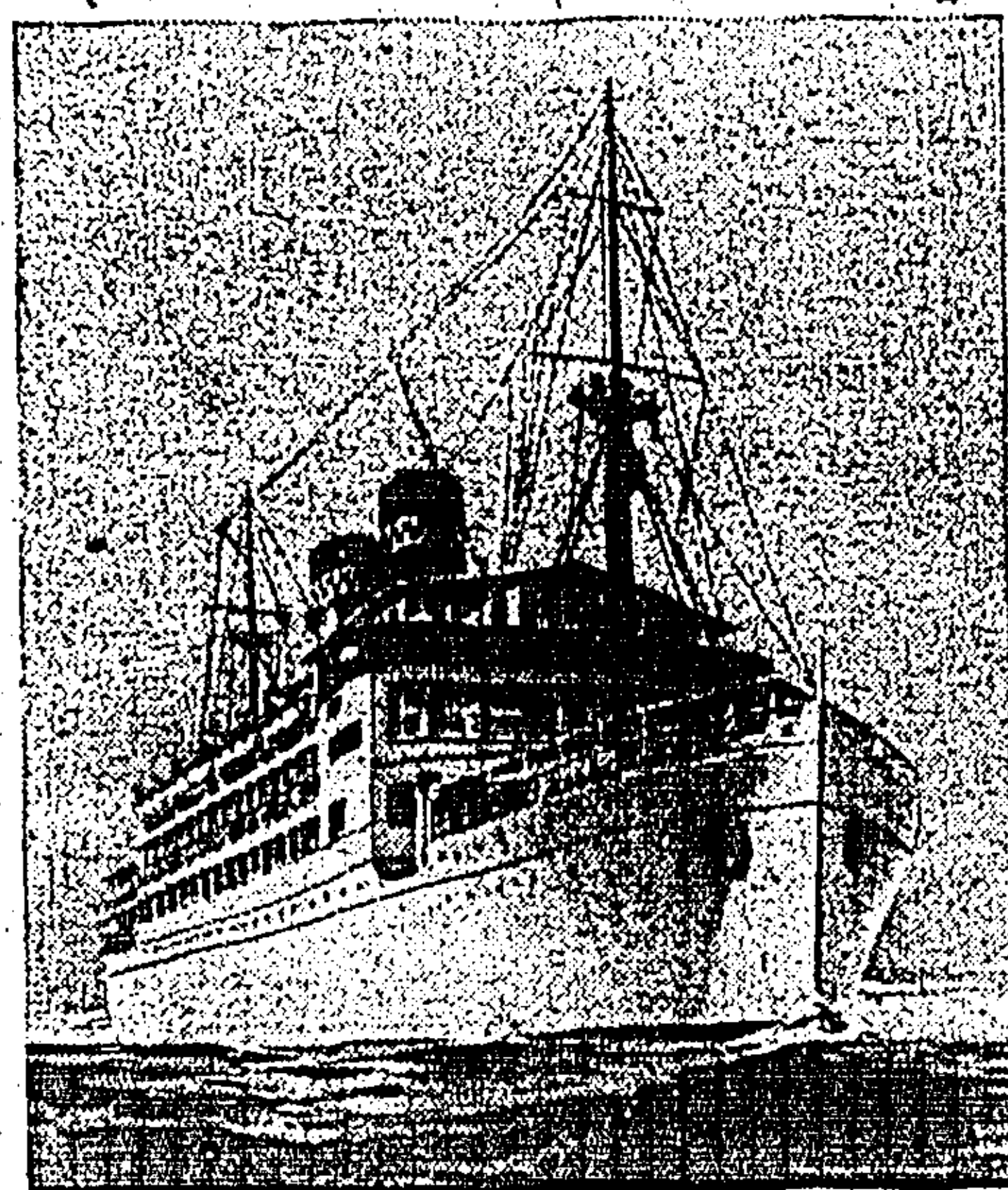
"He had a shot gun, so I put my hands up. It's the safest thing to do in such circumstances, don't you think?"

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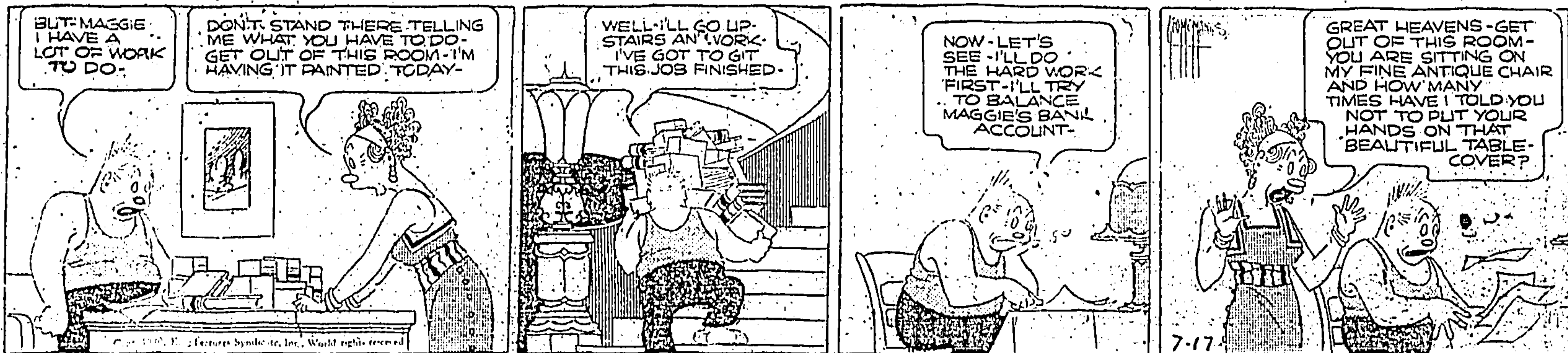
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clothes, Make-Up And Mannerisms

Dress, make-up and mannerisms, fashion the various types of women—that is the theme of a novel show at the New York World's Fair. Sixteen girls were chosen from ordinary walks of life and were refashioned to portray certain roles of womanhood. A modern farmer's wife, a suburban mother, a sophisticated play girl, a sun-loving sportswoman, and a doctor's wife were the ones that caught my attention.

There isn't a professional model in the group. Not one of them was born an "oomph" girl, yet each is a streamlined beauty wearing her clothes with a charming, convincing manner. One is amazed when told that one of these girls was a dowdy school teacher, another a soda clerk and still another a filing clerk. "Those charmers?" you question. "Well, tell me how it was done!"

Experts Had A Hand

Each individual "type" was so fashioned to complement the car she drives. For instance, the outdoor girl, with bare-knee fashions, drives a snappy sport roadster in which are thrown her tennis racket and golf clubs. Her play clothes are casual and so are her make-up and coiffure. She has a friendly personality and looks as if she lived under the sun most of the day.

Whereas the doctor's wife is more dignified—wearing a long white dinner dress and gay red silk shawl. She must help her husband with his profession, so she must look and play the role of a gracious hostess and sympathetic friend. She drives a more expensive car for prestige. That girl in true life was an unattractive school teacher who had little idea how to dress attractively or use make-up to advantage.

Once the girls had been selected from the many who applied for the roles, they were given a personality analysis and sound style and make-up advice by a Fifth Avenue expert.

The next step was training. They were taught how to walk in



The Farmer's Wife Goes to Town: This is the wife of summer, 1940, dressed to enhance her charms and increase her comfort while she drives into town to shop or pauses for tea. It's one of the costumes shown in a unique fashion show at the New York World's Fair.

good posture and with easy grace, how to talk with a smile. Long hours were spent on make-up instruction for individual types. For instance, the alert secretary must

wear her cosmetics lightly applied, while the gregarious matron may use it more liberally when she is going to a party.

Appropriate and smart hair styling made almost miraculous changes in the girls' appearances. All the cuts and coiffures were simple but keyed to the age of the girl and the shape of her face and the role she was playing.

Almost all the figures required changing. Waistlines were nipped, hips slimmed, bosoms lifted and legs and thighs streamlined.

It all sounds fantastic but a few weeks—only three in some instances—were sufficient to glamorize otherwise very plain girls who didn't know how to dress, how to comb their hair, how to use make-up and how to go about acquiring pleasing figure curves!

The moral? If they could do it—all could become more beautiful if they put their minds to doing so!

times. This is strenuous at first; go at it slowly and you will soon master it.

Exercise 4: Get down on hands and knees. Swing right knee back to chest, then extend right leg out straight as high as you can in back of you with heel of foot pointing instead of toe pointing. Repeat four times without placing knee on mat. Rest. Repeat exercise with left leg while resting on right knee. Do this 10 times in all.

Keep Hips Slim

The overweights are not the only guilty ones when it comes to heavy hips. Many women who are otherwise slender in their measurements could be called "hippy." Broad hips or rolling hips usually come from inactivity. Diet can keep the body to normal weight but only exercise can keep the body normally proportioned. Girls and women who sit a great deal during the days and evenings should adopt an exercise routine which would keep the hip measurement under control.

It has been said that the average woman sits two-thirds of her day. That is alarming. If you find yourself doing that, take to inventing activity for yourself—walk upstairs instead of taking the lift, dance if only to the radio by yourself, walk to and from your home when you go on an errand, stoop to pick up things which are on the floor. Stoop through the thighs by bending your knees instead of bending your body from the waist. Then go through the following routine, without fail, every day for one month. By that time you will be more slender and you will want to get out and

walk or to be active in doing things instead of sitting the entire day.

Four Excellent Exercises

Exercise 1: Lie on right side with right arm under head. Place left hand in front of body to hold balance. Pull right knee up to chest. As you extend right knee downward, pull left knee up to chest. Alternate eight times. Turn on left side and repeat exercise. Do this not more than 32 times in all.

Exercise 2: Sitting position on mat. Hands placed on mat just in back of hips. Pull both knees up to chest and swing knees from right side to left side, touching floor on each side if possible. Allow yourself to travel down the mat as you swing. Rest after 12 times. Repeat 30 times in all.

Exercise 3: Lie on face. Grasp right ankle with right hand. Extend left arm straight out over head. Roll over on left side. Pull right leg backward raising right hip very high. Roll back on face. Repeat four times in rhythm. Then clasp left ankle with left hand and repeat exercise four

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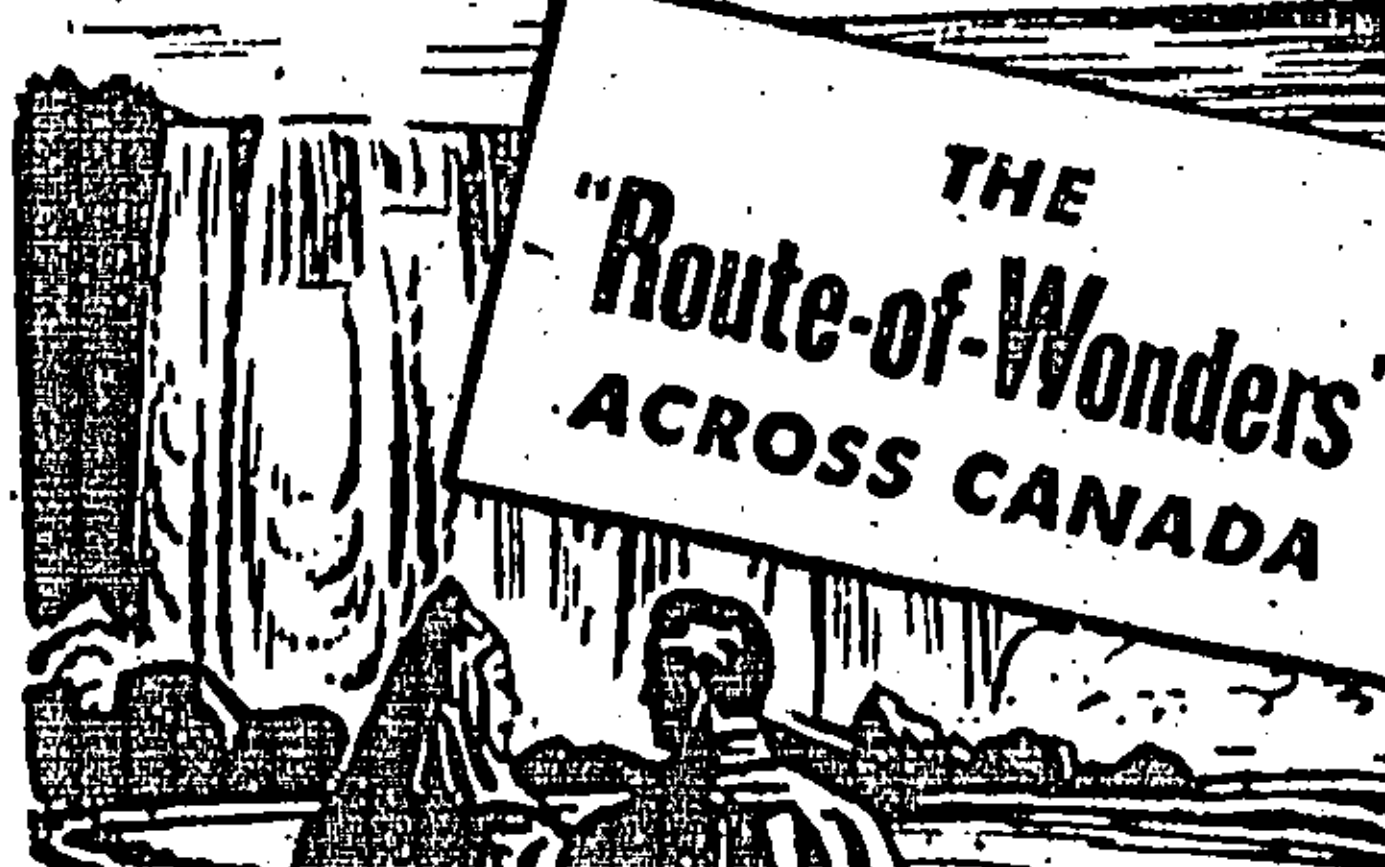
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NOTE.—The air mails which were delayed at Bangkok are expected to arrive by sea from Singapore at the end of this week.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

The Imperial Airways Service between Hong Kong and Bangkok is temporarily suspended. Air mail correspondence will be accepted at the existing rates of postage and will be forwarded by the first opportunity by steamer to Singapore to connect with the east and westbound air services.

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Java and Manila
London and Straits

THURSDAY
Australia and Manila.
Sandakan

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th September.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 23rd August).

SATURDAY
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle date, 28th August).

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Ord. (4) 10.00 a.m.

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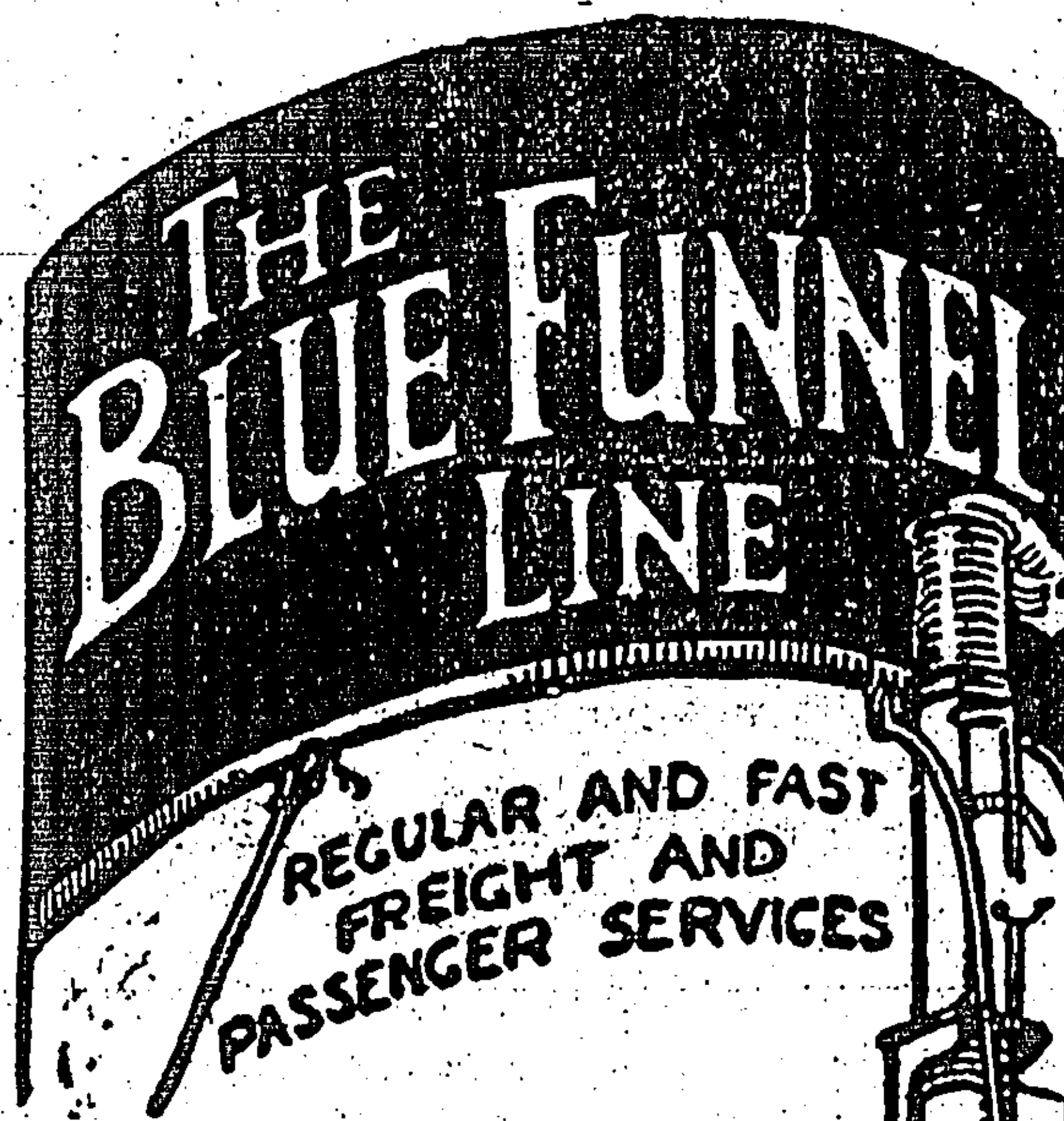
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BAN ON "GUILTY MEN" LIFTED

WHEN A JOURNALIST on the staff of the "News-Chronicle" attempted to take the book, "Guilty Men," to the Isle of Man he was stopped from doing so and the book was taken from him.

He published these facts later — and — by a strange coincidence — permission was given at the airport for travellers to take the book out of the country.

"Not, of course, as a result of the article," an official of the Chief Postal Censor's office hastened to assure a reporter. "It merely happens that the Press and Censorship Bureau had just reached a decision on the book."

An official of the Ministry of Information said that the book was referred to the Press and Censorship Bureau for consideration.

On the same day a reply was given that there was no reason why the book should not go out of the country.

That reply would be in the hands of the Chief Postal Censor's department the day before the book was held up at the airport.

The official who took the book from the journalist said that he did so under the Control of Communications Order (No. 5), dated July 8, 1940.

This regulation, issued by Mr. Duff Cooper's Ministry of Information, increased the powers of port officials over travellers carrying newspapers, books, maps, drawings and other documents, goods or commodities.

"Guilty Men" is a slashing indictment by "Cato" of Cabinet Ministers who, in his opinion, had

of reheat design, driving a single screw and supplied with steam from two multi-tubular marine boilers fitted with "Nemenco" superheaters, and working under Howden's system of forced draught.—Reuter.

been responsible for bringing Britain to the verge of military impotence.

Certain political writings are barred at the ports, it was stated at the Postal Censor's Office, and the responsible officials, Customs, Immigration and field security officers have a list of these. "Guilty Men" was never on the list.

Try, Try Again

A representative of the Travellers' Censorship Office in Liverpool said that special permission would be needed to take certain books abroad which are on the prohibited list.

In Government departments in London there was strong disinclination to agree that they had any say in the administration of the Control of Communication regulations.

The Home Office said it was a matter for the Ministry of Information or the Customs and Excise officials.

The Ministry of Information referred a reporter to the Post Office, the Customs passed him to their War Division, who advised him to try the Home Office.

Another inquiry at the Ministry of Information yielded the answer that the reporter should try the Home Office.

If that was not the right place—"try Travellers' Censorship and ask for Major Gompertz."

When the reporter did so, he was told that if he meant Brigadier-General Gompertz, he had left that department.

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Unsatisfactory Officials In Women's League

Two Divisions Are Possible In The Men's League

BREAKING INTO ITS fourth year, the local softball season officially commenced at a meeting held at the Filipino Club last week, when officers for the year were elected.

Increasing popularity of this sport has been shown by the application of several new teams for permission to join the League this year, whilst at least two teams which have participated in inter-hong tournaments, intend to make similar applications, and it is envisaged that at least 20 teams will be registered in the Men's League.

Last year's sixteen team loop, which only permitted one round being played off, did not prove altogether satisfactory as many of the teams did not come up to certain standards, with the result that most of the games were rather one-sided.

Bearing this in mind, and in view of the larger number of entrants, it is possible that a Senior and Junior League may be organised; however, nothing will be done until all entries have been received.

At the meeting, a startling revelation was made. Certain teams were found to be in arrears with regard to their entrance fees for last year, although how this could happen is a mystery, especially when one of the conditions was that all fees must be fully paid in advance.

New Condition

A new condition of registration was also made, which would provide a check on Volunteers away on exercises.

In future Corps unit of all Volunteers must be given at the time of their registration.

This step has been found necessary, as in the past certain teams have postponed games when only one of their players has been away. The conditions of postponement states that at least three members of the team must be so affected.

Central British Association and the Club de Recreio have again kindly placed their ground at the disposal of the League, and there is also the possibility of Kowloon Football ground being granted for use of the Ladies' League.

It is earnestly hoped that the League Committee will do something about the "Umpire" question, which has been neglected for so long. The umpires, especially those in the Ladies' League, have always been a source of complaint, often being picked out from the spectators.

Ignorance Spoils Games

Whilst appreciating the cooperation of these helpful gentlemen, it must be admitted that their



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ignorance of the rules spoils the game too much for their assistance to be of any use, and ill-feeling has often been created.

One suggestion is for the League to hold an Umpire's class, and only those passing a written test will be qualified to officiate in any League game. Then only can the players be assured of having experts to umpire their games.

The umpires' class every year has been poorly supported, but if certificates of qualification are given, I am sure there will be more support.

Team Managers are reminded that entries close to-morrow, and a meeting will be held the day after for the discussion of various matters affecting the coming season.

ARMY TENNIS

In the Semi-Final of the Army Tennis Open Doubles tournament played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat L/Cpl. Shaw and Spr. Easley of Royal Engineers, by 7-5, 7-5.

Also in the Third Round matches of the same tournament, S/Sgt. Adam and Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) beat Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) in the Fourth Round matches of the Army Tennis Open Singles Tournament, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

POLISHED BASEBALL DISPLAY BY MOHAWKS

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING A brand of baseball that would have beaten any team in the local League, bar none, the Stanley Mohawks massacred the South China nine in a friendly tilt on Saturday by a 12-2 verdict.

Those who were not at Caroline Hill last Saturday missed a treat which will not be repeated for some time—at least not this year, as this is probably the last baseball game for the season.

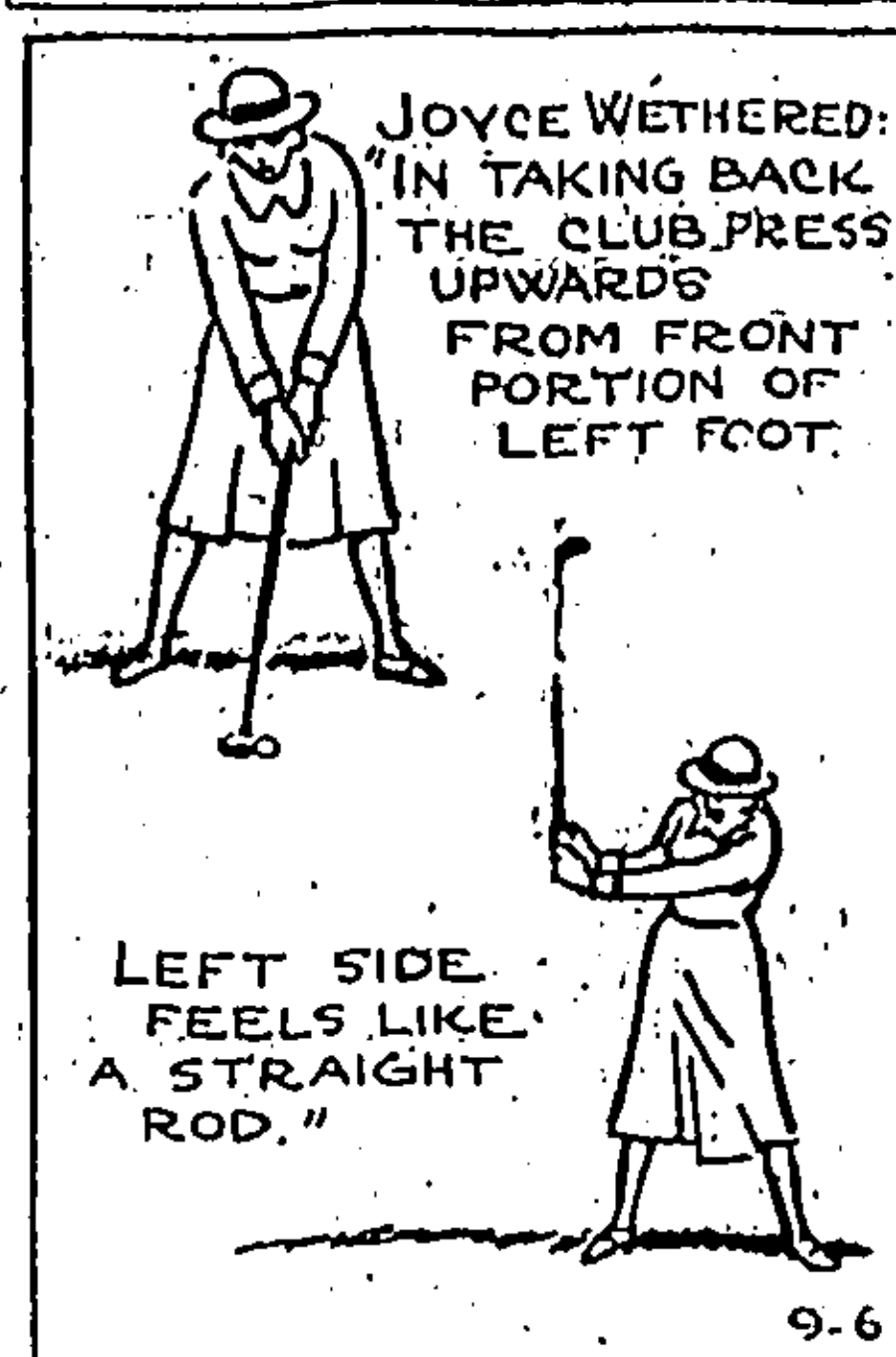
Woods worked on the mound for the Mohawks, and went the whole route. Although only whiffing two and allowing four passes, he pitched a no-hit, no run, no error game for four innings.

Harry Chinn's single in the fifth gave the Chinese their first marker. Their only other run was made, also in the fifth, when first-sacker Kenyon dropped the pill, to let Wong score with two out. This was the only Mohawk bobble.

Started Well

The South China squad started well with Lau on the hillcock, and held the Mohawks scoreless in the first two frames. Then came the disastrous third, when Romeo Ha booted to allow Wood to make first. Two successive Annie Oakleys choked the bases with Mohawks. Lau showed signs of cracking up and Walters clouted his next offering to score Morgan and Chase. Two more passes to first had the sacks soused again, and the more Mohawks rambled over

GRAPHIC GOLF



A Firm Left Side

By BEST BALL
The best swing in golf, that's the way Bobby Jones described Joyce Wethered's game, whose backstroke is illustrated above. Her stance is characterised by firmness to prevent too much body movement. Yet her pivot is smooth and complete. For a long time she practiced turning from left to right and vice versa, often-times with no club in her hands until the idea became muscle memory perfect.

"In taking back the club press-upwards from the front portion of the left foot," is Miss Wethered's advice to golfers. "until the left side feels like a straight rod right up to the left shoulder. This tension between shoulder and foot gives firmness to left side." Care must be taken, suggests the former English champion, that the left shoulder does not rise. It must resist the pressure brought on by this upward push. Miss Wethered has divided the backswing movement into a few separate categories. The first step is the halfway mark in the backstroke above. Too many movements tend to obscure the real objective; that of hitting the ball.
Next Article—Keep Position Constant During Stroke.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Causeway Bay on Saturday Middlesex opened their soccer season with a fine win over Navy by 3-2. It was a very fast and keen game with lots of thrills and spills. The

Association Football

Navy where the first to score through a spot kick taken by Herdy, after Freshwater had handled the ball.

This was soon equalised by Saw from the spot after a similar offence by Honywill, both penalties occurring in two minutes. Jackson who played in goal for the soldiers was outstanding and deserved full honours. Freshwater and Parker at back played well although Parker was a little erratic, and rather left Freshwater to cover up his mistakes. The halves were sound, Sheehan at right half being a hard worker. Both the wingers played good games and Coomer at outside-right scored a beautiful goal after Pearson had given him an opening from which he made no mistake.

Royal Scots were entertained by Eastern at Caroline Hill on Sunday, the latter emerging victors by 4 goals to 1. The Scots did not seem to play as well as in previous games and if it had not been for Duhican in goal the score would have been much larger. Fraser and Naysmith played their usual game and showed complete understanding of each other's play. Falconer at centre-half was the best of the pivot line and on many occasions broke up the opposing forwards' play. Hossack tried hard to get through but lacked support from his partners.

Middlesex juniors outclassed Navy juniors in a fast game at Causeway Bay on Saturday with a win of 3 goals to 1.

Revell and Bindon are a reliable pair of backs, although Revell will need a little more practice for League football; it was his first appearance in the League. The first half ended without score. The Middles forwards were much faster and fitter than their opponents. Heliadis on the left wing played a good game and scored one of his side's goals. McEachran is a clever schemer and distributes the ball well but Jennings was inclined to hang too far back and consequently when the ball was centred there was no-one in the middle to receive it.

Royal Scots severely trounced Ordnance Corps to the tune of 8 goals to 1 in Second Division. Clark the Scots' goal-keeper, had very little to do owing to his front men, Farnaby and Thompson, covering well and causing Ordnance much trouble. The Scots' halves played exceedingly well and gave their forwards plenty of well-timed passes. Crawford and Gibb were outstanding on the wings, passing the ball to their other forwards and wasting no time. Auld in the centre played well and scored four of the goals. Reynolds in the Ordnance goal played a fine game although eight goals were sent past him; he was poorly supported by his backs. Nichol played well in the half-line and tried hard to get his forwards going, whilst always dropping back to help out his defence.

Royal Air Force once again proved their worth by defeating the Service Corps by five clear goals. The Airmen were far superior in all positions and took control of the game from the start. Field was the best player on the losers' side and stopped the Airmen from getting a much larger score. The Sappers on the Club ground ran amuck to win by 9 goals to 1 against the Club juniors, which puts them on top of Second Division although it is rather early in the season to draw any conclusions.

Fox, the Army and Interport player, scored no less than five tries and played the best game on the field. Pelham his inside-left scored three and Li Wai-lun scored the odd one.

Signals met International Football Club at Happy Valley and shared the spoils, both sides scoring two each. Both teams played good football, and if the Signals had not slackened off during the last few minutes of the game, they might have left the field with both points. Brackenbury did not play as well as usual, but managed to score one for his side. Parry, the inside-right, played a sound game and with his partner, Dignan, displayed good combination, being the main trouble to the Internationals.

To-day the Signals are playing the Kumaon Rifles at Happy Valley in a friendly match, getting fired up for the Small Units knock-out competition.

At the Army Emergency Committee meeting held last Thursday the draw for the Small Units knock-out competition was made and resulted as below. The first matches to be played off before the 21st October, 1940:

First Round: — 12th Hvy Bty v B Coy 1/Middlesex R.; D Coy 1/Middlesex v HQ Coy 2/R. Scots; C Coy 1/Middlesex v A Coy 2/R. Scots; 35 (M) CD Bty v 27 (F) Coy R.E.s; A Coy 1/Middlesex v HK Coy C.M.P.; D Coy 2/R. Scots v HK Signal Coy R.C. Signals; R.A.F. v 7th A.A. Bty R.A.; B Coy 2/R. Scots v 27 Coy R.A.M.C.; C Coy 2/R. Scots v 30th Hvy Bty R.A.

Second Round: — 40 (F) Coy R.E.s v HQ Coy 1/Middlesex R.; 36th Hvy Bty v 20th Hvy Bty; 12 Coy R.A.S.C. v C Coy R. Scots or 30th Hvy Bty, R.A.; 6 Section R.A.O.C. v 24th Hvy Bty.

The second round must be completed by Monday, November 11th; the third round by the 25th November; the Semi-finals by December 15th; and the Finals will be decided at a date to be fixed later.

It is proposed to ask the General Officer Commanding to present the prizes to the winners and runners up.

In their first two matches of the season the Engineers registered two wins. The first they defeated the Medicos by 50 runs. The

Engineers batted first and scored 138 for 8. Cpl. Hawkins did not bat. Sappers Ratcliffe, Tropp and L/Cpl. Shaw all batted well, and between them made 74 runs. Ratcliffe took 7 wickets for 40 runs and Lowe took 2 for 17.

Against the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. the Sappers got a shock when they were all out for 78 runs, and at the tea-interval the Gunners were 60 for four and looked like walking away with the game.

(Continued on Page 15)



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Volunteer Lawn Bowls Competition Starts Next Week

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LAWN BOWLERS WITHIN THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WILL HAVE YET ANOTHER COMPETITION WITH WHICH TO WIND UP THE SEASON.

At a meeting of Unit representatives held yesterday at Volunteer Headquarters under the chairmanship of Capt. A. W. Brown, of No. 2 Company, it was decided that a competition on knock-out lines would be held at an early date.

In introducing the scheme Capt. Brown said that the meeting had probably all seen the scheme outlined in the "China Mail" the previous Friday, followed by the notice in Corps orders the following day. It was, thought Capt. Brown, a very good idea. There were many lawn bowlers within the Corps, he continued, and there should be considerable interest.

Greatest factor, competition between units of the Corps was a very good thing.

The question of greens was next gone into and Mr. J. G. Meyer, who was elected Hon. Secretary, assured the meeting that there would be no difficulty in this respect. Mr. Meyer said that he was fairly certain of being able to secure almost 16 greens on any Sunday.

The original scheme called for two rinks from each unit but, as some of the smaller units were desirous of preserving their entity, it was decided that units could enter as many teams of one rink as they desired—more or less on the lines of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup competition.

Trophy Offered

Capt. Brown, on behalf of the Corps, gratefully accepted the offer of a challenge cup which was made by the "China Mail" and it was decided that the competition should be known as the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Competition for the "China Mail" Cup.

On the proposal of Mr. Meyer, it was decided that a charge of \$5 per rink would be made, proceeds to be given to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

Entries will close on Friday week and the first round will be played on Sunday week, the 13th inst. It is estimated that not less than 32 teams will be taking part. The following sub-committee was appointed to go into the various aspects of the competition:—Capt. A. W. Brown (Chairman), Sgt. J. G. Meyer, Sgt. M. N. Rakusen and Pte. H. A. Alves.

OPEN SINGLES RESULTS

Following were the results of games played in the Third Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship.

At Police R.C.
W. J. Howard defeated W. R. Hillyer 21-15.

At Kowloon F.C.
H. White beat E. X. da Silva 21-10.

At Kowloon Cricket Club
E. C. Fincher beat R. Basa 21-13.

At Kowloon B.G.
W. Gil beat C. C. Pereira 21-10.

ROYAL SCOTS GALA

Royal Scots will hold a swimming gala to-morrow at 7 p.m. when a five-a-side water-polo tournament on the knock-out basis between six teams will be included in the programme. The six teams are Royal Air Force, Middlesex, a naval team, Royal Corps of Signals and two from Royal Scots.

There is also an invitation relay race to which the Volunteers have been invited.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The Hong Kong Rifle Association will open its 1940-41 season with a shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday next, commencing at 8.45 a.m. The practice will be at 200, 300 and 400 yards with open sight and target photo to count at each range. Only 500 (no rifles will be allowed.

MANILA PREPARES

The first of the three swimming tryouts to select the members of the Philippine swimming contingent which will participate in the first Manila-Hong Kong interport swimming meet will start on Sunday at the Rizal Memorial Natatorium. The meet will be held on Oct. 23, 24 and 25 in Hong Kong states the "Manila Bulletin" in their issue of Thursday last.

The tryouts will be open to all swimmers, but all local institutions which have swimming teams will be asked to enter candidates. The Philippine team will be composed of 14 men swimmers and 8 women splashers. The local team is scheduled to sail from Manila on October 19 and will return on October 28. Since the swimming meet will take place during semestral vacation, swimmers in the various schools and colleges will be able to make the trip.

Crack Swimmers

Judging from the results of the N.C.A.A. (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and the P.A.A.F. (Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation) swimming meets, the local team will be represented by a crack array of youthful swimmers.

Two championships will be held in Hong Kong, one for men and another for women. There will also be a 3-metre spring board diving competition which will be held in connection with the meet.

The men's events are: 110, 220 and 440 yards free-style, 100 and 200 yards breast-stroke, 100 and 200 yards back-stroke, 4 x 100 yards relay and a 3 x 100 yards medley relay.

The women's events will consist of 50 and 100 yards free-style, 50 and 100 yards breast-stroke, 50 and 100 yards back-stroke, 4 x 50 yards relay and 3 x 50 yards medley relay.

Hong Kong officials have suggested the inclusion of two more events in the men's programme, the 50-yard free-style and the 150-yard medley (individual). No definite arrangement has been made regarding the inclusion of these events.

Tryouts will also be held on October 3 and October 6.

ILDEFONSO COMING HERE

It was learned yesterday that Deofilo Ildefonso, nephew of Mr. L. R. Ildefonso of Hong Kong will probably be coming here with the Manila Interport swimming contingent, due to arrive next month for the swimming Interport. Young Ildefonso came third in the World Olympics at Berlin in 1932 in the 200 metres breast-stroke event, and took third at the world meeting at Los Angeles in 1936. He has consistently won the event in Far Eastern Olympiads.

INTERPORT SWIMMING TRIALS

A meeting of Club secretaries to discuss arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Interport swimming contest with Manila, was held at the Victoria Recreation Club.

It was decided that a trial for the 100 yards back-stroke event be held to-morrow, and it was stated that W. Lawrence would probably be taking part in the trial.

Miss Sai Wai-ying and Miss Lee Po-luen have entered for the 50 yards back-stroke and breast-stroke respectively.

Mr. A. O. Barretto said the conditions of the visit were that Manila were to pay their own passages and Hong Kong were to bear all other expenses. The gate was to go to the Victoria Recreation Club.

The trials will be held to-morrow at 6 p.m. and an admission charge of 20 cents will be made, the money to be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Following are the events for to-morrow's trial.

MEN'S
100 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Back-Stroke.
220 Yards Breast-Stroke.
WOMEN'S
50 Yards Back-Stroke.
50 Yards Breast-Stroke.

University Swimming

The Hong Kong University Swimming Club will hold its eighth annual inter-hostel aquatic sports at the European Y.M.C.A. on Saturday at 2 p.m.

NEW DEVICE FOR TIMING ON TRACK

AN ELECTRIC TIMER and place picker for track meets has been invented and placed into use in Fresno State College's Ratcliffe stadium, scene of the annual West Coast Relays and of this year's 52nd National A. A. U. Championship, writes Robert Fahs, U.P. Staff Correspondent.

The unique mechanical device was built by H. C. Burbridge, head of the physics department of Fresno State College. The invention was introduced during the California Collegiate Athletic Association track and field championships in Fresno.

Burbridge said the device was constructed as a finishing gate for the 100-yard and 220-yard track events. It was built to time each man finishing a race to the exact 1/100 of a second.

Rods Are Shoulders High

The invention consists of an overhead apparatus with bamboo rods hanging down to mark each lane. The rods are about shoulder high, or the normal height of the finishing tape. Across the pair of rods for each lane is stretched a thread-like metal wire connected to a delicate electric switch. When the wire is broken, the timing device stops.

The device is put into operation when a wire attachment on the starter's gun closes an electric circuit at the instant the starting shot is fired.

Burbridge said the finishing gate was made by putting together well known and comparatively simple electrical parts and can be constructed for about one-fifth the cost of timers involving photo electric cells. He said he planned to patent the invention and could construct units at a maximum of \$300.

During the first use of the invention at the CCAA meet, runners had a tendency to duck as they went under the finishing gate, but it was believed greater use of the gate would eliminate any such tendencies.

Accuracy Is Already Tested

"The accuracy of the device," Burbridge said, "was indicated at the CCAA meet in which two men in the 220-yard low hurdle race had times within 4/100s of a second of each other. This difference indicated the faster man was a few inches ahead of the next man, which was exactly the way the judges found it."

"The device," he said, "is somewhat revolutionary because track records now in existence will be slowed down 1/10 of a second in some cases if the electric timer is used in place of the human time-keeper."

"Psychologists have shown from a wide series of tests that if an individual receives through sight or hearing an impression calling for action, it requires about 1/16 of a second for him to make the required motions. If we add to this delay the natural tendency of

the timekeeper to give the runner every advantage in the hope of making better records, it is readily evident errors must appear in timing short runs."

Burbridge said the device also would have advantages in training track athletes since the coach may supervise the starting form of his runners and use the machine to time each man exactly.



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(Continued from Page 14)

HOCKEY—Is once again getting into swing and last Friday the Engineers met the Police in a friendly and defeated them 3 goals to nil. The goals being scored by:—Taylor (4) Grosten (1) and Twomey (1).

At Shamshulpo on Monday HQ Company, Middlesex, beat HQ Company of the Royal Scots to the tune of 6 goals to nil. The Scots team was very weak owing to them having to field a football team as well.

To-morrow at Shamshulpo the 7/8 Rajputana Rifles (officers) will play the rest of the garrison (officers) bulk off at 4.45 p.m.

At the Annual meeting of the Unit Boxing representatives held last Saturday, the following points were decided:—

The Individual Novices boxing competition to be held in abeyance; the Command Novices Inter-unit Championships to be held at the end of January or the beginning of February; the Command Open Inter-unit Individuals to be held in the first week in March, and the Command Inter-unit Team Championships to be held in the first week of April, 1941.

Rugby—The Hong Kong Signals will play the Medicals in a friendly Rigger match to-morrow at Soakun-poo.

MRS. H. W. R. WILLIAMS' GOLF SUCCESS

Private information states that Mrs. H. W. R. Williams (wife of Major Williams) lately of Hong Kong won the final of the Singapore Ladies Championship recently held at Bukit Timah Old Course by 5 and 3, and that her score for the 18 holes was 81!

AIR WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

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BRUTAL BULLYING OF A BOY

A STORY OF HOW HE WAS TIED TO A JUNK'S MAST AND KICKED AND STRUCK AS WELL AS "FED" WITH MUD, WAS TOLD BY A 14-YEAR-OLD CHINESE BOY IN THE WITNESS BOX AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING WHEN YIP YIU-MAN, 41, FOKI ON BOARD JUNK NO. T5025H, WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

The lad said that at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, he was swimming with ten other boys of his own age at Taikoktsui, when he was seized by accused, who dragged him on the junk and tied him to the mast with a rope, with his hands behind him.

Two other fokis came up, one kicking and striking him, while the other put mud into his mouth. The boy agreed that accused only tied him and did nothing else.

Accused alleged that the boys stole things from his junk so he caught the boy with the intention of teaching him a lesson. His two fokis were, however, not arrested.

Mr. Himsworth placed him on a \$50 bond for one year and ordered him to pay \$5 compensation to the boy or serve ten days' hard labour.

BROUGHT BACK FOR MORE

An inmate of Stanley Prison, serving a three weeks' sentence was brought before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning to have the sentence increased.

Leung Mui, 29, he was sentenced for attempted theft, the police, at the time, failing to produce evidence of previous convictions.

Six Italian Machines Destroyed

THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were definitely destroyed, two being blown up and another set afire, and other machines are believed to have been severely damaged, in a low-level attack by Blenheim aircraft on Massawa aerodrome, stated an R.A.F. communique in Cairo yesterday.

The aerodrome buildings were also attacked, two of them suffering direct hits.

On the homeward journey one flight of R.A.F. aircraft were intercepted by 15 fighters and in the ensuing engagement two enemy fighters were shot down and a third fell in flames. One Blenheim is missing.

A raid was carried out on Tobruk where a large fire was started among buildings on the foreshore. A ship in harbour is also believed to have received a direct hit.

Operating from the Sudan R.A.F. bombers raided Gura. In the target area a large flash occurred, followed by heavy smoke and flames. One R.A.F. aircraft failed to return.

An enemy bomber attempted to raid Aden but was intercepted by our fighters and when last seen the enemy machine was belching black smoke from its port engine.

This morning, however, the sentence was increased to three months when records of the prisoner's previous offences were produced.

Railway Bombed

The railway of Culdehar, Italian East Africa, was attacked and a direct hit registered on the entrance to a tunnel while other bombs struck the concrete facing leading to the tunnel and railway line.

Bombs were dropped on military quarters and a jetty at Berbera and some buildings were hit.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI H.C.L.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Living costs for Shanghai Chinese workers increased by 8.73 per cent in September as compared with August, according to the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday.

The increase was mainly due to an increase of 12.36 per cent in the food index.

Food in September cost Chinese workers five times more than in 1936, rent three and a half times more and clothing over three times more.

A study of the effect of the exchange on retail prices of foreign goods during the last five months shows that prices rise immediately the exchange drops but drop only slightly when the Chinese dollar strengthens.—Havas.

LORD BEAVERBROOK SENDS THANKS

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has received the following telegraphic message from Lord Beaverbrook:—

"By their further contribution to the strength of the Royal Air Force, the British Communities in China have added to the debt of gratitude owed them by the people of Britain.

"They have brought succour and encouragement at a time of crisis, and given magnificent proof of the determination of British people the world over to do and give all for victory. I send them my warmest thanks.—Beaverbrook."

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN JUNK CAPSIZE

The report that junk No. T4644H capsized in Chinese waters at Lung Kun Tam at about 6 a.m. on September 30, was made to the Police this morning.

It was stated that while the boat was sailing near Lung Kun Tam, a huge wave washed the crew overboard and overturned the junk. Three male occupants of the junk swam ashore, but two women are believed to have been drowned.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai's floods show no signs of subsiding, says Reuter this afternoon.

In some districts, the water is still waste deep in the streets and the congested cinema and shopping districts, Nanking Road and round the Racecourse, resemble miniature Venetian canals.

The ground floors of the main department stores, Sincere's, Wing On's and the Sun Sun are flooded. Chinese children are frolicking in the water, while modesty is forgotten as the dance girls trip along their skirts hoisted. All transportation is paralysed.

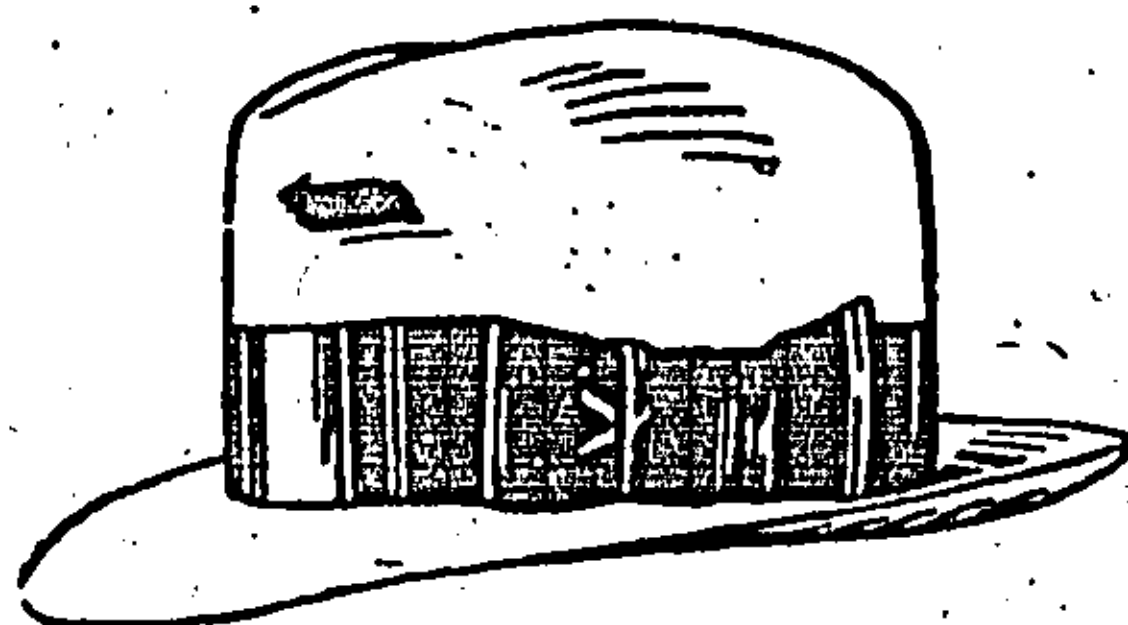
Avenue Joffre, main street in the French Concession is one long canal with the side streets as reservoirs.

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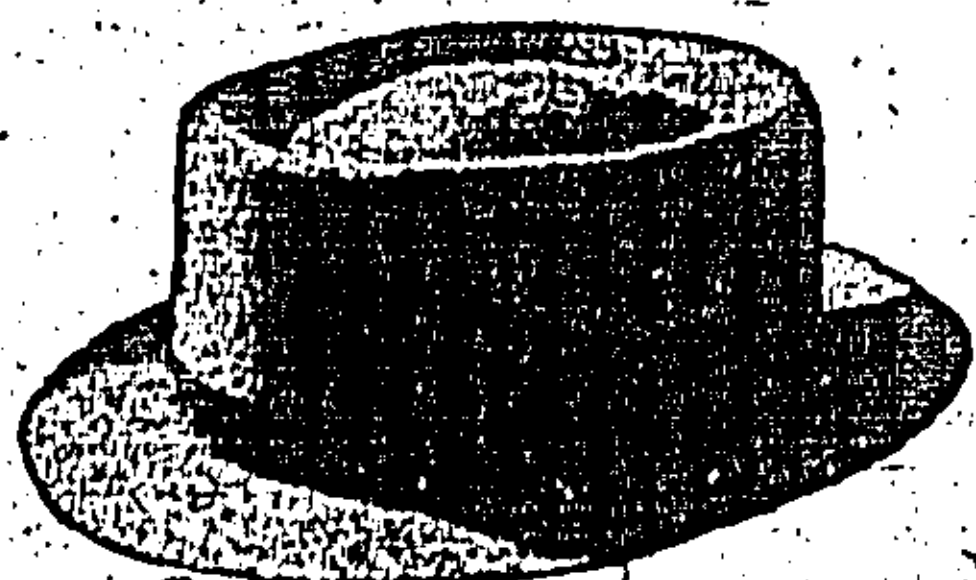


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